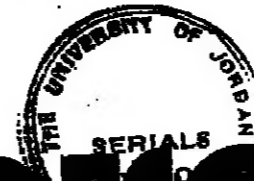


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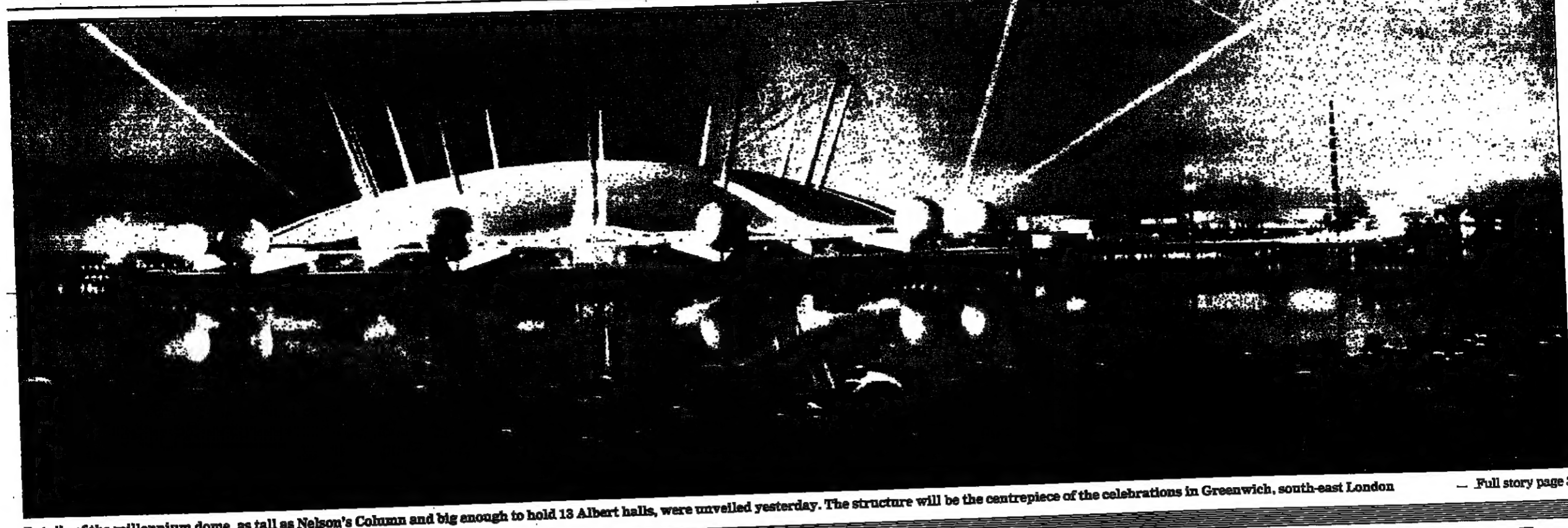
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Details of the millennium dome, as tall as Nelson's Column and big enough to hold 13 Albert halls, were unveiled yesterday. The structure will be the centrepiece of the celebrations in Greenwich, south-east London

Ridings closes as control is lost

Martin Walker and Donald Macleod
THE efforts of the Education Secretary, the local education authority and teachers to restore order at the Ridings in Halifax yesterday as their faces yesterday as a near-riot and assaults on two teachers.
In the first shut-down of its kind for 20 years, Calderdale education officials abruptly closed the 800-pupil comprehensive to secure the safety of the children and staff and began talks on installing a tougher headteacher and management team.
The decision came only an hour before the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers announced a unanimous strike vote by their 21 Ridings members, who claimed that 50 violently disruptive pupils have made their job impossible. As the school drifted towards closure, they met in the staffroom after the alleged assaults. Nigel de Gruchy, the union's general secretary, said he would give notice of strike unless disruptive pupils were expelled. He and officials are now combing dossiers on the 60 children to see which they will demand to be permanently excluded.
"A number of youngsters must go in order for basic order to be restored. If we don't get that, any teaching is impossible."
Two days of concentrated disruption led by a core of 12 pupils had coincided with an emergency inspection by the Office for Standards in Education, ordered by Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary. Damage, verbal abuse and refusal to obey teachers' instructions culminated in the ringing of bells at a male staff member and the pinching of a female teacher's bottom.
During the emergency union meeting there were further disturbances at the 11-16 school, which is an unhappy two-year-old merger of two rival comprehensives serving an assembly at 2.15pm and given letters from Calderdale education department explaining that an "unacceptable situation" had taken hold at the school and the safety of pupils and staff could no longer be guaranteed.
Headmistress Karen Stansfield and her deputy resigned a month ago following a long-running row over teaching and expulsions.
Inspectors from the Office for Standards in Education had warned her, the governors and Ian Jennings, Calderdale's chief education officer, that the school was "in danger of getting out of control". Mrs Shephard yesterday demanded action to secure the safety of the children and checks to enable staff to know the whereabouts of all pupils.
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Dole's finale: rock around the clock

Jonathan Freedland in Miami

THE embattled United States Republican presidential candidate, Bob Dole, launched a dramatic last push for the White House yesterday, announcing that he will campaign non-stop for 96 hours from now until election day next Tuesday — travelling to more than 15 states and sleeping only on his bus and plane.
"The last time I fought round the clock for my country was in 1945, in Italy," he told a rally of supporters in Miami. "Beginning at noon [today] I will once again fight round the clock for America's future."
As aides brushed aside questions about the stamina of Mr Dole, who is 73, the candidate girded himself for a punishing final onslaught against his Democratic rival, Bill Clinton.
"From the factories of Ohio and Michigan, through the blue grass of Kentucky, in the towns and neighbourhoods of the mid-west, across the Rocky Mountains, through the cities and streets of California — I will give it all I've got," he said to loud cheers.
Mr Dole's efforts — which are due to kick off at noon today to the soundtrack of Bill Haley's Rock Around the Clock — will set a campaign record, beating Mr Clinton's 80-hour tour across 10 states on the eve of the 1992 election.
The last-ditch effort came as the latest Reuter poll found Mr Clinton's lead diminishing. The poll, which has so far been the kindest to Mr Dole, had the president with 41.9 per cent, Mr Dole with 34.2 per cent and the Texan billionaire, Ross Perot, advancing to 8.6 per cent.
The late surge by Mr Perot could alter the dynamics of what was a stagnant race, according to strategists, creating a narrow opening for Mr Dole.
With nothing to lose, the Republican is staking everything on the dozen or so key



Bob Dole kicks off his punishing tour in Florida

"The last time I fought round the clock for my country was in 1945 in Italy. Beginning at noon I will once again fight for America's future. From Ohio to the blue grass of Kentucky, I'll give it all I've got"

Republican candidate Bob Dole
would now shift from big, set-piece rallies to "spontaneous, less structured events" — appearing at bakeries and police precincts in the middle of the night as part of a highly flexible guerrilla campaign for the presidency. Only one stop has been arranged for showers and a change of clothes.
Mr Dole's plans — the Citizens Ship — does not have a bed, and the candidate will sleep in his chair. Mr Warfield said, "I'm much more concerned about the staff than I am about the candidate," he added.
Yesterday Mr Dole campaigned in Florida, Georgia and Ohio, stepping up his attacks on the integrity of the Clinton White House. "This campaign's about telling the truth," he said in Tampa. "I keep my word, I'm not Bill Clinton," he added to applause.
He was joined by his wife, Elizabeth, and by former president George Bush, once his bitter rival. "What matters now is the integrity of the White House," Mr Bush said, putting aside the 1988 Republican primary contest, in which Mr Dole accused the

lieve in keeping the White House above partisan politics and away from these puny disputes we're seeing," he said, implicitly referring to brawling controversies over donations to the Democratic Party from people with ties to Indonesia, Taiwan and other foreign interests.
He added: "Bob Dole is the person to lead this country into the next millennium. What it's about is leadership... We need somebody to restore the respect to America around the world."
Meanwhile, ignoring controversy over his party's money-raising tactics, Mr Clinton is sticking to safe campaign themes. With an eye to the finish line, he was campaigning in Arizona, a traditionally Republican state where polls suggest a close race. Later yesterday, he made quick campaign stops in Las Vegas, Nevada, and Oakland, California.
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Rushdie snubs prize after Danes' ban

'It is vital not to allow governments to behave in such a cowardly way'

Richard Horton-Taylor
SALMAN Rushdie has not been short of literary prizes. The Booker, the Booker of Bookers, the Whitbread Novel award, an award from the Writers' Guild of Great Britain, a French award for best foreign book. Now he has been honoured by the EU, winning the Ariston literary prize for his latest novel, *The Moor's Last Sign*. Mr Rushdie was invited by the EU to receive it next

month in Copenhagen, this year's European cultural capital. The trouble is the Danish government has refused to allow him to accept it.
Mr Rushdie was told about the ban after being summoned to the Foreign Office yesterday. It was "amazing", he said, adding that arrangements to receive the prize on November 14 had just been finalised, with the approval of the Danish police.
The decision — which last night provoked an angry reaction from Lord Gowrie, chairman of the Arts Council — comes seven years after Iran issued a fatwa on Mr Rushdie after the publication of *The Satanic Verses*. He has even visited Denmark many times since, once at the invitation of the Danish government.
Just two days ago, he gave readings to 1,500 people in Vienna at a meeting which had been heavily publicised. It was vital, he said yesterday, not to allow governments to behave in such a "craven and cowardly way".
He said he would refuse to accept the £15,000 prize he has jointly won with Christoph Ransmayr, the Austrian author of *Morbus Kitabara*, about three war survivors.

He called on Mr Ransmayr to do likewise.
Lord Gowrie described the Danish move as a "very regrettable over-reaction". It was scarcely credible, he said, that the Danes, fellow members of the European Community, could not provide Mr Rushdie for a brief time the security which has protected him in Britain.
Lord Gowrie is writing a protest to Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and the Danish ambassador. The Danish embassy yesterday said it could not comment.
Mr Rushdie was told the decision to prevent him from receiving the prize was taken for security reasons.

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Ghouls spook the Great Pumpkin



Simon Hoggart

HALLOWE'EN: the night when ghouls and ghosts stalk the land, gnashing their teeth, rattling their chains and causing good citizens to scurry home and lock themselves indoors.

But then the House of Commons is like that most of the time. Yesterday, as well as being weird and spooky, the place was feverish as well. This was entirely the result of a single opinion poll, from Mori, the one which said that the Labour lead was back to 28 percentage points.

congratulate successful innovation in Yorkshire business. "said the Pumpkin, "and undoubtedly many of them have been very successful." Mr Blair asked about the beef ban. He has now established a fixed pattern for his three questions.

First night

Indelible image given savage twist

Michael Billington

Happy Days Almeida Theatre

HERE she is again: Beckett's Winnie in Happy Days buried first up to her neck and then her waist in earth. It is one of the indelible images of modern theatre, but it is given a savage twist in Karol Reisz's production from the Gate Theatre, Dublin, in that Roseleen Linehan emphasises not just Winnie's stoicism and courage but the stark nature of her death.

sprawls on the earthen mound unavailingly trying to reach her, you sense the impossibility of real contact. Some productions of Happy Days stress Winnie's cheerfulness in adversity, but here the prevailing sense is of the sadness and cruelty of the human condition.

Scientists track down outbreak of poisoning to Israeli snack

Tim Radford Science Editor

SCIENTISTS in north London used a combination of gut feelings and quick thinking to crush an international outbreak of food poisoning.

the US hunted down an agent that was spreading sickness abroad. They homed in on a kosher snack imported from Israel.

Police officers who rescued victims of football disaster win battle for compensation in appeal court

Fury at Hillsborough ruling



Phil Hammond, secretary of the families support group, with a picture of his dead son Philip

'There's one rule for police and another for fans'

Peter Hetherington

SEVEN years after the Hillsborough disaster, Phil Hammond is still haunted by the unanswered questions surrounding the death of his 14-year-old son, Philip junior.

recalled. "At first they couldn't open the door and they had to find the driver. Once they got inside, there was no mask for the oxygen but they put a tube down his throat and eventually he started to 'pink up'."

event put the Appeal Court's decision in perspective: "The police might have a hard job, but it was twice as hard for us to identify our children."

PHOTOGRAPH: COLIN LANE

Europe heads for pensions crisis

MPs claim British contributions will top up deficits in other EU states

Pension gap Pension contribution gap as a % of GDP (difference between a pension contribution rate that would not increase pension debt and the rate likely under current law)



Michael White Political Editor

EVERY man, woman and child in Britain could be forced to subsidise £20,000 worth of pension liabilities in other EU states if Britain joins a single European currency on the present terms, John Major and Tony Blair were warned yesterday.

the UK's outstanding public pensions liabilities are substantially below those of other EU members, there would be a risk that if the UK joined a single currency, British taxpayers could be called upon to help finance the pay-as-you-go pension obligations of other EMU members.

a "no bail-out" clause in the Maastricht Treaty prevents any country subsidising another's debt, a claim reinforced by Germany's proposed "stability pact" against reckless spending.

benefits and raising contributions — have already led to "riots in the street" in France, Italy and Germany, the MPs say.

Piper pays for his tune

John Ezard

THE defiant lone bagpiper of Hampstead Heath got scant sympathy from the College of Pipers north of the border last night, after he was fined £45 for disrupting the "quiet enjoyment" of north London's public.

"People in Scotland have the same problem all the time and resolve it somehow. They come to an arrangement with neighbours, or they join a pipe band."

Charlie a man was found guilty of treason and hanged, drawn and quartered but his bagpipes were a weapon of war.

Ridings closes in near-riot

continued from page 1 first of its kind since 1976, when the Inner London Education Authority shut William Tyndale primary school to regain control. Mr Jennings said he had asked councillors to convene the education special sub-committee after receiving news of a series of incidents at the school and a demand from the teachers for immediate action.

Clara Dyer Legal Correspondent

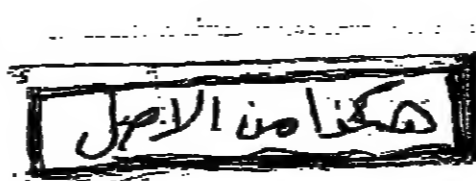
FOUR police officers who were mentally traumatised rescuing victims of the 1989 Hillsborough disaster won their battle for compensation in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

By a two-one majority, the court overturned a High Court ruling 18 months ago that the men were not entitled to damages for post-traumatic stress disorder because they were "bystanders", not rescuers, and were not acting beyond the call of duty.

The appeal court judges said Inspector Henry White and PCs Anthony Bevis, Edward Balfour and Geoffrey Glave were exposed by the admitted negligence of South Yorkshire police, to "excessively horrific events likely to cause psychiatric illness even in a police officer".

Another 14 officers who were on the terraces have received a total of £1.2 million agreed damages from insurers for South Yorkshire police, Sheffield Wednesday Football Club, and the club's engineers. Damages for the four who won yesterday are likely to be agreed in the same way.

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Historic papers released



Patrick Street in Cork City in the 1920s, when British intelligence mounted a doomed surveillance operation to infiltrate the republican movement after the 1916 Easter Rising

Irish brogue foiled British intelligence

Vast payments to informers failed to thwart the rebels, writes Richard Norton-Taylor

BRITISH intelligence failed miserably in its attempts to infiltrate the Irish republican movement after the 1916 uprising because its officers could not understand the broad accents of the Irish "peasantry", according to documents released yesterday.



The Irish peace delegation (pictured left) en route for England in 1921, including Sinn Féin founder Arthur Griffith (far left) and Eamonn de Valera (centre), and signatures on the peace charter

Surveillance equipment, he wrote, produced unsatisfactory results, partly because "microphones of English manufacture seem ill-adapted to the Irish brogue".

The documents — the oldest papers at the PRO to have been kept secret — include a leather-bound ledger listing payments made to Irish informers between 1886 and 1920. The money, paid out of the Secret Vote, averaged

more than £10,000 annually in the early years — the equivalent of about £300,000 in today's money. They fell to about £200 (£6,000) at the end of the period.

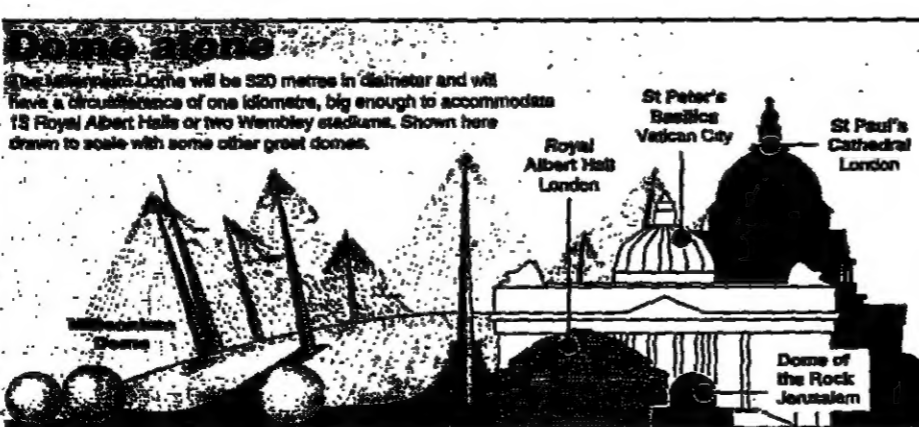
report "O" — also noted that the Irish telephone system was infiltrated by IRA and Sinn Féin spies, who reported on British military conversations.

grasp the inner psychology of the Irish rebel character." Police Special Branch officers, however, regularly attended meetings of republican leaders, including Eamonn de Valera, Arthur Griffith, the founder of Sinn Féin, and Countess Markievicz, who were arrested and deported to England in 1918.

World's biggest dome marks millennium

Don Gleister Arts Correspondent

PLANS for the centrepiece of the millennium celebrations, a huge dome described by one of its architects as a "friendly, flexible canvas", were unveiled yesterday, ending months of speculation.



sent statement to the world that there is pride in the past and the future and in the achievements of the UK. The scale of the building establishes this as a unique world landmark.

Organisers hope the scheme will receive planning permission by the end of January, paving the way for a detailed announcement of plans for the interior of the exhibition, which is being designed by the Huxford group.

Mr Harrop, who has been seconded on a three-month contract from the Welsh Development Office to oversee the project, insisted yesterday "the project will go ahead. It will open on 31 December, 1999".

Beef deal may lift ban from Ulster first

Ministers accept regional approach

John Palmer in Brussels and Michael White

THE Government is on the verge of an agreement with the European Union under which the beef ban will be lifted in Northern Ireland before it is eased elsewhere.

Irish government has made no secret that it would back an agreement lifting the ban in the north. A deal could boost flagging support for John Major among the nine Ulster Unionist MPs.

After an hour and half of interrogation, Cohen convinced them he was not a spy but a fan of the regime who wanted to be there. He and his captors embraced, brought out the rum and started a party. Ira B Nadel on Leonard Cohen in Cuba

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Bid to back terror law phone taps

Owen Bowcott and Richard Norton-Taylor

EVIDENCE obtained by the police and intelligence services during telephone tapping should be admissible in court in cases of national security, a radical review of anti-terrorist legislation urged yesterday.

The proposal, endorsed by MI5, the Royal Ulster Constabulary and Unionist politicians, is understood to be the subject of continued Whitehall infighting but could be added to the Government's forthcoming Police Bill.

Began earlier this year before the IRA abandoned its ceasefire, the Inquiry into Legislation Against Terrorism by Lord Lloyd of Berwick proposes replacing emergency laws with a permanent UK-wide act.

No-jury Diplock courts should be abolished, shorter periods of detention introduced for terrorist suspects and both exclusion orders and internment without trial removed from the statute book.

Such attempts to dismantle long-standing anti-terrorist powers — predicated on an end to violence in Northern Ireland — are intended to bring the UK more into line with the European Convention on Human Rights.

But many of the most far-reaching features concern additional powers for the police and security services in Britain to tackle both foreign terrorist organisations — such as the Kurdish PKK — and domestic groups.

"The UK has a responsibility not to allow its territory to be used as a base for violent activity against a foreign government," Lord Lloyd declares. "The fact that an organisation is proscribed as

a terrorist organisation will make life generally more difficult for its supporters in the UK.

"The most significant additional measure which the Government can take is to amend the law of conspiracy so as to facilitate the prosecution of those who conspire here to commit terrorist acts abroad."

Civil liberties groups have voiced fears that direct action movements, such as the Animal Liberation Front or even anti-roads protesters, could find themselves defined as terrorist groups. The front which has planted bombs, is specifically referred to in one section.

The report says the Government has embarked on a root and branch review of the law covering the interception of communications, including faxes and mobile phones. Pressure for reform has come from Lord Lloyd, MI5, the RUC and the Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble. They believe the 1985 Interception of Communications Act prevents vital evidence obtained from telephone tapping being used in court.

Others in Whitehall, including it is understood, Home Office officials, argue that allowing such evidence would alert terrorists to surveillance techniques. The law is presently anomalous — evidence from microphones and other bugging and listening devices can be used in criminal proceedings. Telephone intercepts cannot be revealed.

The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, yesterday welcomed Lord Lloyd's report as the "framework for new, permanent counter-terrorism legislation" even if there was lasting peace in Northern Ireland. But there was no comment on whether any of it would be incorporated into the Police Bill.

Main points

- New powers proposed:
- Telephone taps admissible for court cases.
 - Broader definition of terrorism as "use of serious violence... to promote political, social or ideological objectives".
 - Membership of foreign terrorist organisations or conspiracy to commit terrorism abroad to become criminal offences in UK.
 - Reduced sentences for

- terrorists who give evidence against former colleagues.
- Powers to be dropped:
 - Shorter periods of detention — four rather than seven days — permitted.
 - Power of "internal exile" — known as exclusion orders — ended.
 - Power of internment without trial ended.
 - Diplock courts discontinued. Trials by jury reinstated.



An example of Miuccia Prada's 'naughty little sister' Min Min line shown in New York yesterday. PHOTOGRAPH: MOORE/THOMAS

New York goes ga-ga for St Trinians look of 'Italian invasion' leader

Susanah Frankel

IT'S BEEN called the Italian Invasion: Gianfranco Ferré, Gianni Versace, Dolce & Gabbana, Moschino and Miuccia Prada have all shown collections in New York this season.

A sudden mania for the same designers (and Giorgio Armani) to open flagship stores on Madison Avenue has, meanwhile,

turned New York's most suspicious shopping street into Little Italy.

The reason for this European infiltration is simple — if London and Paris are about innovation, and Milan is about establishing next season's trends, New York is about big business.

Always ahead of her time, the woman who began the exodus from Milan to New York five seasons ago was Miuccia

Prada, when she showed her Min Min line there.

Although many designers have chosen Asia (and China in particular) as the most lucrative target for global expansion, Prada clearly feels America is equally important. Last Monday she opened a store on Madison, and with expected North American sales of \$170 million this year, she expects to hit \$800 million in five years.

If the Prada label is synonymous with rigorously intellectual fashion, Min Min is the grander, more line's naughty little sister.

Its show yesterday had models complete with Saint Trinian's ponytails, in crisp navy, ink blue or plum cotton boyish fisherman jackets and tops paired with trousers cropped just below the knee. The coquettish schoolgirl has never looked so dangerous.

News in brief

Boost for volunteers in the community

ALMOST 3,000 neighbourhood groups are to be met each other and swap notes under a government initiative to reinvigorate local communities. Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, yesterday announced grants of £200 towards the travelling costs of leaders of 1,400 groups and £50 towards the costs of another 1,400 who will act as hosts. The grants will be the first tangible evidence of a new commitment by the Government to boost small, volunteer-led groups. Mrs Bottomley said: "Picking the brains and sharing the skills of another organisation that has been through the same process can often be the most effective way of improving performance." — David Brindle

Guernsey legalises abortion

GUERNSEY'S parliament yesterday voted by 34 to 29 to legalise abortion — the last area in the United Kingdom to do so. A 1910 law that made abortion punishable by life imprisonment was replaced by the States of Deliberation with new legislation that allows a pregnancy to be terminated up to the end of the 12th week, provided two doctors approve. Numerous amendments were brought during the lengthy and emotional debate by pro-life politicians in an attempt to stop the new law.

Spain holiday favourite

AUSTRALIA is the first country that British holidaymakers would like to visit if money were no object, but while it is, Spain, Greece and the Canary Islands remain the top choice, according to a Mori survey for the Association of British Travel Agents. Of 800 people who had taken a package holiday in the previous 12 months, 41 per cent went to Greece, Spain and the Canaries. There were increases in the numbers heading for Turkey and Malta, and the top long-haul destinations were Australia, the US and the Caribbean. — Jeanette Page

Boy for trial on murder

A BOY aged 13 was committed for trial yesterday accused of murdering Jade Matthews, aged 9. The boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, spoke only to confirm his identity during the hearing at Bouth, Merseyside. He was accompanied by his mother and stepfather. Jade's body was found by police on Sunday, July 7, beside a railway line at Bridle Way, Netherton.

Body in net: couple held

AN Essex couple were arrested yesterday in connection with the death of a man whose body was caught in the nets of a trawler fishing off Teignmouth, Devon, in July. The body is thought to be that of Ronald Joseph Platt, aged 51, from Essex. The couple were held in Woodham Walter, near Chelmsford, and were being taken to Torquay. — Geoffrey Gibbs

Inquiry into jail death

AN inquiry has been launched into the death of a teenage remand prisoner found hanging in his cell less than 24 hours after being admitted to Exeter prison. Neal Short, aged 19, was remanded in custody by Plymouth magistrates on Wednesday on charges of stealing a car, attempting to pervert the course of justice, and driving while disqualified. He was alone in the cell and a ligature of shoe laces around his neck had been tied to the bed. — Geoffrey Gibbs

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Advance deal heralds bland food summit

John Hooper in Rome

THIS month's World Food Summit is close to becoming something more than a bureaucratic must-draw-of-an-international-conference-incapable-of-generating-controversy-because-every-issue-has-been-settled-in-advance.

Delegates and officials met yesterday at the headquarters of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in Rome for what they hoped would be their last negotiations on the final declaration. The summit itself is not due to begin for a fortnight.

It has long been the practice at international conferences for officials (known as "sheepers", because they go ahead) to negotiate the bulk of an agreement in advance. However, in most cases, the thorniest problems have waited for the conference itself, and for an injection of the political will only ministers were thought able to deliver.

At two of the UN's most recent high-level, high-profile summits — the population conference in Cairo in 1994 and the women's conference in Beijing last year — the wording of the final declaration was not agreed until hours before the closing formalities.

It is this which the FAO has gone all-out to avoid. The text of the food summit's final declaration should have been agreed even earlier — on Wednesday night. But despite an all-night session, some passages remained in dispute yesterday. Sources said the main obstacle was whether the document should back a "right" or merely "access" to food for all.

According to the FAO, more than 800 million people worldwide face chronic undernourishment. It expects conditions to improve, but predicts that unless action is taken there will still be 680 million chronically undernourished in the year 2010.

The international community, through the UN, is ostensibly committed to the idea that people have a right to be free from hunger and malnutrition. But some Western governments are understood to fear legal action if they agree that their citizens enjoy a right to food itself.

"It's the biggest problem remaining", said an FAO official, who added that it might

be referred to a committee of legal experts if no compromise were reached.

The biggest dispute resolved ahead of the food summit concerned trade. The United States and most other developed nations want Third World countries to allow freer trade in agricultural goods. But the poorer states, and many aid organisations, argue that free trade cannot be fair while governments in the developed world give their farmers huge subsidies.

An official said yesterday that only three disputed phrases concerning trade remained in the document. The key issue of liberalisation had been resolved with a reference to "fair and market-oriented" commerce.

There is a widespread feeling among UN officials that the Cairo and Beijing conferences suffered from too much attention being concentrated on the Vatican's objections to abortion and contraception. The same danger also existed

Governments are not being asked to back their words with hard cash

In this instance. During the preparatory negotiations, Roman Catholic anti-abortionists objected to an undertaking to help the world's poor by promoting "reproductive health services".

The phrase had yesterday been removed from the text, though there remained a commitment to promote "reproductive health services" consistent with the Cairo declaration.

By resolving every possible dispute in advance of the conference, the FAO is hoping to focus attention on its central purpose. This is defined as being the renewal of a "high-level commitment around the world to the eradication of hunger and malnutrition, and to the achievement of lasting food security for all".

But there is another danger — that the entire exercise will be seen as ceremonial, as the governments represented in Rome are not being asked to back their words with hard cash. Food aid from rich to poor nations has almost halved over the past three years, but the FAO will not be seeking pledges of more.

Dark days for Romanians

Sunday's poll is likely to result in another weak government, writes Julian Borger in Oradea

EVERY evening, the streets of Oradea get darker. Like most public utilities in Romania, street lighting has been on the decline for the past seven years.

In this town of 350,000 people near the Hungarian border, walking after dusk is precarious. It is no longer possible to spot the muddy holes and open drains, unless you stick to the private, well-lit shops which stand out like beacons in the town centre.

But the dimming of the light has been gradual, as the impoverished town council fails to replace broken or stolen bulbs, and many Oradeans, like Rosalia Erdey, accept the decline.

"I suppose the streets are darker. You get used to it, and to be honest I don't really notice," Mrs Erdey said. She is aged 68 and a former worker on a collective farm. After years of inflation, her pension has diminished to 25 a month, and she is dependent on her daughter and the potatoes she uproots on an allotment near the airport.

But she will vote for the governing former communists in Sunday's presidential and parliamentary elections.

Despite the violence of the uprising in December 1989, Romania — unlike most of its neighbours — has yet to make

a radical break with the past by giving liberals and market reformers a chance to govern.

That may change on Sunday, when the liberal and social democrat opposition has a chance of winning at least a share in power. But the communist PSDR has a solid base of support.

In the presidential race, Ion Iliescu, (a former regional Communist Party leader who has run the country since 1989), still leads his nearest rival, Emil Constantinescu, a university professor, by between 3 and 12 per cent.

Mr Constantinescu's Democratic Convention (CDR) alliance is ahead of the PSDR, but not by much and the only

certainty about the parliamentary poll is that it will produce a weak coalition government over which the president will be able to wield considerable influence.

Some of the reasons for the communists' hold on power are evident in Oradea. Unemployment is below 5 per cent as most of its state-owned textile and food processing factories are still functioning. They are rumbling at about one-third of their capacity with old machinery, and the subsidised wages are only 280 a month. But there have been no sudden shocks.

"It's peaceful here," Mrs Erdey points out, remembering the years of turbulence following the execution in 1989 of the dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. She will vote for Mr Iliescu on Sunday, because "he's the president."

According to the Inmas polling organisation in Bucharest, Mr Iliescu has 40 per cent support among Romanians aged over 45, twice as much as among younger voters. His support is strongest in the countryside.

The Inmas polls suggest Mr Iliescu will face a second-round run-off in the presidential election. If — as seems likely — Mr Constantinescu is his second-round opponent, Mr Teodorescu, who runs Inmas, thinks Mr Iliescu will win.

But if Petre Roman, a social democrat and former prime minister, makes the second round, the outcome will be less predictable, as Mr Roman can collect anti-communist voters from the CDR. Mr Constantinescu, on the other hand, cannot count on full second-round support from

Mr Roman's centre-left coalition, USD.

President Iliescu, if re-elected, could use the USD's ambivalence to try to keep the PSDR in power in a hung parliament, or undermine any pro-reform coalition Mr Roman and Constantinescu attempt to form.

The PSDR is advertising itself as a belatedly reborn party. "The age of our leaders has gone from the sixties to the forties. We've replaced two-thirds of our parliamentary candidates. We have succeeded in building a new class of leaders," Adrian Nastase, the PSDR leader, said.

This shift in generations is producing policy changes. Weeks before the election, after years of delay, the government launched a mass privatisation scheme, involving 4,000 state enterprises.



Islamic militants await verdicts yesterday in Cairo. Three were given 25 years in jail, after a year-long trial, for their part in attacks which left 63 people dead. PHOTOGRAPH: ENRICH MARI

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News in brief

Apartheid police chief admits death trap

JACK CRONJE, a brigadier in the South African apartheid police force, confessed yesterday to planning the murder of 10 youths, who died in a mini-van explosion in 1988.

He told the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that a police undercover agent had tricked the youths, who were on their way to an

Robber bites police dog

ASUSPECT fleeing the scene of a robbery with a police dog nipping at his heels decided to bite back.

Ricardo Culberson, 27, fled the Royal Palm Hotel with \$469 (290) but Miami Beach police in the shape of Myrus, a German shepherd, closed in.

Culberson called out: "Come here, doggy, doggy," grabbed the dog and bit his neck, police said. He did not even break the skin. Culberson was pepper-sprayed, handcuffed and faces charges of armed robbery, armed car-jacking, armed kidnapping, aggravated assault and hitting the dog. — AP.

Death by firing squad

MILITARY tribunal has sentenced three Palestinian bodyguards to death by firing squad for murdering a driving instructor, the court announced in Gaza yesterday.

The three will be executed on Tuesday unless the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, commutes the sentence.

Rogeh Abu-Sadi, aged 23, Raayed Mansur, aged 24, and Arafat Abu-Shabbab, aged 22, bodyguards for Palestinian officials, had a personal feud with Fadiel Zariela, aged 45, a driving instructor, stemming from 1993 when Zariela shot Mansur in the hand, the Palestinian police commander, Brigadier General Jhaazi Jabli, said. — AP.

Bid to kill Taylor fails

LIBERIA'S chief warlord, Charles Taylor, said he survived an assassination attempt yesterday when gunmen ambushed him inside the presidential palace.

Mr Taylor's senior aide was killed in the commando-style attack by gunmen who forced their way into the executive mansion in Jeeps. Panic gripped the capital, Monrovia, which is still recovering from devastating ethnic warfare in April and May.

African peacekeepers trying to end nearly seven years of civil war quickly moved tanks across the city's commercial district. Radio reports said 10 people died in the attack. — Reuters.

Top scientist kills himself

A Russian nuclear physicist has committed suicide after apparently losing hope of keeping afloat the once top-secret research centre he headed, his deputy said yesterday. The workers had not been paid since May.

Vladimir Nechal, aged 60, shot himself in his office in the Ural town of Snezhinsk. — Reuters.

Superman is back

Christopher Reeve, aged 44, the Superman star left paralysed from the neck down by a riding accident last year, is directing a film, in the Gloaming, about a man dying of AIDS. *writes Ian Katz in New York.*

Jailbreak victims

Five suspected Tamil guerrillas and a soldier guarding them were killed during a breakout from a maximum security prison in north-eastern Sri Lanka. — AP.

Kurds reach deal

Feuding Iraqi Kurdish factions agreed in Ankara yesterday to extend permanently a US-brokered ceasefire that ended two months of clashes in northern Iraq, the US peace envoy, Robert Pelletreau, said. — Reuters.

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98 killed as Brazilian jet crashes into homes

BODIES covered with plastic sheets lie in the street after a Brazilian Fokker-100 airliner crashed into a residential area of Sao Paulo shortly after takeoff yesterday, starting a fire that engulfed flats

homes and cars. All 95 people aboard the jet, and at least three on the ground, were killed. The death toll was expected to rise as firefighters searched homes struck and set on fire by

the crash. One resident said he saw "a river of fuel on fire flowing down the street". Police and firefighters used plywood planks as makeshift stretchers to carry bodies to lorries that

shuttled to and from the area. Black smoke poured into the sky from fires on the ground. The head of the Special Operations Group, Roberto Pacheco de Toledo, said 98 bodies were in the morgue. — AP.

Be kind to Dole, McGovern urges

Jonathan Freedland in Washington

ONE man knows better than anyone what Bob Dole is going through. He knows the anguish of defeat so well, his name has become a synonym for electoral humiliation. George McGovern lost 49 out of 50 states in 1972, when he was trounced by Richard Nixon. His defeat was so thorough, he failed to carry even his home state.

"I've been overwhelmed, as I did," the former candidate says, "he'll at some level feel a personal repudiation." In a rare interview, Mr McGovern talked about his efforts to recover from a landslide loss, about the tragic death of his daughter and about his friendship with his Senate colleague Bob Dole. Despite their clashing politics, the veteran liberal and Republican are still close — "We're the same age, we've been through the same struggles" — to the extent that Mr McGovern is hoping the voters give Bob Dole a crumb of comfort on Tuesday.

"I'd like to see Bob Dole do well. I'd like to see him push Clinton all the way," he said, adding that landslide victories are "dangerous". But he suspects a different fate awaits. "Things go pretty quiet the day after the elec-

tion," he smiles, recalling the deflation he felt after a year in which the world's press had hung on his every word. "Ronald Reagan told Nancy that after the White House, everything else was downhill. I guess that's the way a presidential contender who loses feels: nothing else you do in life is ever quite that exciting," he says, a framed "McGovern '72" poster looking out from the wall behind him. Now 73, Mr McGovern is head of the Middle East Council, a Washington think-tank. His staff call him Senator, and he is still recognised in the street. But he admits that, having missed out on the White House, "you have a certain feeling of incompleteness about your career." In the Democratic party, Mr McGovern has not lacked company. He recalls chatting with Adlai Stevenson, who lost in 1952 and 1956. "He found it very painful," he says. And Michael Dukakis of 1988 and Walter Mondale of 1984 are both still around, one teaching at Harvard, the other US ambassador to Japan. But Bob Dole risks becoming the first Republican candidate since Barry Gold-

"We're the same age; we've been through the same struggles"

Developers bulldoze Japan's ancient capital

Kyoto celebrates tradition while tearing the past down

Andrew Higgins in Kyoto, Japan

AT THE end of each rainy season, Japan's ancient capital unveils its history with parades, prayers and much hyperbole about reverence for tradition from the corporate sponsors of Gion Matsuri, a festival first held in the year 970. This year's festivities introduced a curious way to celebrate Kyoto's glorious past: labourers moved in to tear down one of the city's finest traditional wooden houses.

A big Japanese developer had bought it for the equivalent of \$2.5 million and wanted to start building a multi-storey concrete block. The seller, the head of the Gion festival, said: "The chairman of the most traditional festival in Kyoto was busy tearing down his own family home in the middle of celebrations to honour the city's past," said an American long-time resident, Marc Keane, a landscape architect and head of the International Society to Save Kyoto. "This tells you a lot about priorities in this city." A petition begging municipal authorities to save the house, the home of the Fukami family, achieved nothing. "There are many buildings like the Fukami resi-

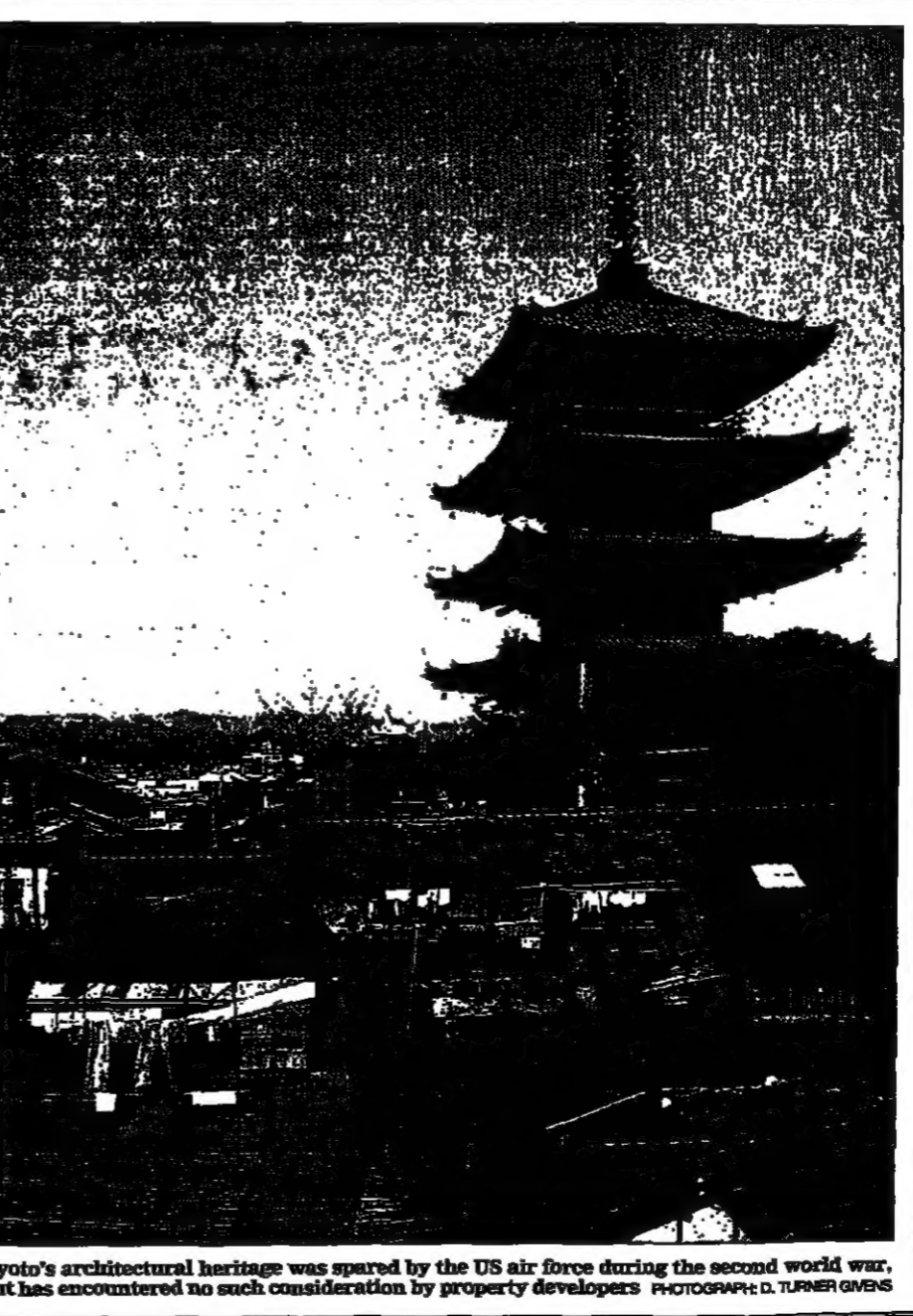
dence remaining in Kyoto," responded Minoru Nitta of the city's Department of Cultural Properties. "We wish you to understand that it is very difficult for the city to respond to requests for preservation assistance." Never mind that the municipal government had itself selected the property for an official book celebrating Kyoto's townhouses, known as "bedrooms of souls" because of their shape, which represent a unique style of architecture based on the uni-

form measurements of tatami mats. The failure to rescue the Fukami residence was just another skirmish in a long, mostly fruitless, campaign to slow the advance of the "construction state" — an alliance of builders, politicians and bureaucrats at the core of Japan's post-war economy. The country spends nearly three times as much on construction as the United States, 32 times as much in terms of relative size, according to Japan expert Gavan McCormack. In Kyoto, a city that for so long epitomised Japanese culture from cuisine to calligraphy, the power of

this construction juggernaut seems all the more formidable. It helps explain a puzzle of modern Japan: why, when Japanese aesthetics can turn even supermarket wrapping paper into high art, is the country blighted by ugly buildings? Taken off the target lists for American bombers during the second world war in deference to its heritage, Kyoto has encountered no such consideration from Japanese developers, particularly in the building frenzy of the 1980s. Not even the protests of

Buddhist monks representing more than 1,000 local temples have been able to slow the spoliation. Preservationists say 4,000 old townhouses have been demolished in the past decade. Many families wanted to keep their old homes but could not afford taxes levied on their land. "Travel around this country — all Japanese provincial towns look the same, they have no personality," said a professional preservationist, Kimura Manpei, a retired school teacher. He spends most of his time fighting against a new Kyoto railway station, which he says violates both legal and aesthetic princi-

ples, and has filed a suit to try to halt the vast structure of concrete and tinted glass nearing completion in the south of the city. Passengers arriving from Tokyo now confront a wall that obscures even the mountains surrounding the city. "The court keeps putting off the case while the builders keep building," he said. "They want to finish the project. Then the court will say that as it has been completed there is no point in considering whether it is legal." A city of 1.4 million and home to some of Japan's leading corporations, including the game manufacturer Nintendo, Kyoto still has 2,000 temples and shrines, countless gardens and three castles. But such assets do not provide jobs, tax revenue or contributions to the campaign funds of local politicians. For this, Kyoto depends on big business. About 35 million tourists visit each year, but they generate only 10 per cent of local income. "Old buildings don't contribute taxes. There is nothing in old buildings that the present administration sees as valuable," Mr Keane said. "When they think of these buildings they think of rabbit hutches, dirt and darkness. They see everything poor Asia. They see everything Japan does not want to be."



Kyoto's architectural heritage was spared by the US air force during the second world war, but has encountered no such consideration by property developers. PHOTOGRAPH BY D. TURNER/GAMMA

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Head of the International Society to Save Kyoto

Cambodia fails to meet IMF logging deadline

Nicholas Cumming-Bruce in Bangkok

THE Cambodian government failed to meet yesterday's deadline from the International Monetary Fund for enforcing measures to regulate the cutting and export of timber. The IMF warned earlier this month that failure to enforce these procedures would result in a loss of \$38 million worth of soft loans outstanding from earlier pledges. Environmental groups and international agency staff say the government has taken little action. An IMF team arriving in Phnom Penh on Sunday to review government financial performance is expected to investigate. Aid officials in Phnom Penh say an IMF aid effort would have a domino effect on assistance from other sources. The issue strikes at the heart of corruption, the highest levels of government, obstructing efforts to revive the war-battered economy

and frustrating international aid donors. "The moment of truth has come," said the opposition leader, Sam Rainsy, who plans a demonstration in Phnom Penh on Sunday. Two issues are worrying Cambodia's aid community. The country is emerging from floods that displaced many thousands of villagers and destroyed crops. The green lobby asserts that the floods are the consequence of unfettered destruction of Cambodian forests. In the early 1970s these covered close to three-quarters of Cambodia. Today they have dwindled to about one-third. Concessions awarded by Cambodia's leaders to a small number of foreign companies in the past few years are thought to account for all but a small part of Cambodia's commercially viable forest. There is also unregulated cutting by the Khmer Rouge, whose timber sales to finance Pol Pot's 18-year insurgency. And there is the rampant, unlicensed and unregulated log-

ging by money-hungry generals. The government last year announced a ban on new cutting. It appears to have cut the slightest difference. A study by the World Bank and two UN agencies concluded that properly managed and sustainable logging could earn the government \$100 million a year. But the \$94 million the government took two years ago dwindled to \$6 million in the first eight months of this year. Early this year Cambodia's co-prime ministers, Prince Norodom Ranariddh and Hun Sen, signed what is now dubbed the "million metre" deal with Thailand's then deputy prime minister, Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, on behalf of 11 Thai companies. It seems much of the 1.1 million cubic metres to be exported had not been felled at the time of the deal. Cambodian leaders told aid donors at a meeting in Tokyo in July that they had set up a steering committee, chaired by the co-prime ministers, to manage forestry. It has never met.

Californians vote on wider agenda

Christopher Reed in Los Angeles

ANEW kind of American politics is on offer in California next Tuesday, when voters will have a more liberal agenda to consider than anything offered by President Clinton. They may decriminalise cannabis for medicinal use; make boards of directors responsible for lawsuits from shareholders who lose money; raise the minimum wage; tax the very rich; improve medical care; and drastically reform political campaign funding. There is something for conservatives, too. They can vote to terminate state preferences for women and minorities in further education, jobs and contracts; and impose a new anti-tax measure preventing local authorities from levying a charge on hotel stays and on dozens of other services. The initiatives come under California's referendum system, in which voters cast a simple Yes or No for any of

the 15 propositions this year to become state law. The cannabis measure will probably pass, as will the demolition of affirmative action, but the fate of the others is uncertain. The proposition system was created early this century to curb the power of the railway barons, who had politicians in their pockets, and give some power back to the people. Despite the infiltration of lobbyists and other vested interests into the system, the propositions do provide voters with interesting ideas. These have been lacking in a deadlocked state legislature swash in dubious campaign donations. No major bills have been passed for two years, and two attempts to decriminalise cannabis were vetoed by the Republican state governor. Analysts believe the proliferation of propositions this year reflects increasing frustration with traditional politics. About 30 other states now have plebiscites, so disgruntled voters across America may follow California's embrace of the system.

Tutsis take Bukavu as Zairean troops flee

Chris McGreal in Cyangugu reports on a nation on the verge of breaking up as law and order collapses

GOVERNMENT soldiers are fleeing eastward in Zaire in disarray after losing control of much of the region. One provincial capital has fallen to Tutsi rebels and another, Goma, is on the brink of collapse in the face of a renewed onslaught. Tutsi fighters now occupy thousands of square miles, or have at least denied control to the Zairean Government, potentially heralding the break up of one of the largest countries in Africa. Banyarwanda rebels have finally seized control of Bukavu, the capital of South Kivu province, in less than two weeks of all-out fighting. In neighbouring North

Kivu, another group of Tutsi rebels is bearing down on Goma. Heavy machine-gun fire and mortars reverberated across the city yesterday. Zairean troops were fighting around the airport about three miles from the city centre. The spokesman in Goma for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Pamos Moutzias, told Reuters: "The airport has been taken over. It is controlled from the Zairean side. Right now there is no movement in town. It is completely deserted. He said aid workers remained inside their offices in the lakeside city after heavy fighting since yesterday morning. There is a general feeling of law and order breaking down, with two UNECR vehicles hijacked this morning. Some aid agency compounds and offices have been attacked by Zairean soldiers and looting is under way, but it is still limited," Mr Moutzias said. Reports said shells also landed around Goma from across the border in Rwanda.

as happened shortly before the final rebel push on Bukavu. Although Rwanda admits its troops raided Bukavu earlier this week, it continues to insist it is not directly supporting the rebellion. Members of the Rwandan Hutu army and extremist militias defeated in 1994, which fled into Zaire after leading the genocide of Tutsis, are fighting alongside local troops. Rebels in both provinces have advanced rapidly over the past fortnight as Zairean soldiers frequently turned and ran, putting up token resistance at best, despite a lot of shooting. About 100,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees have fled ahead of the rebel advance on Goma, further swelling Mungwa refugee camp to the west of the city. It is already the largest in the world with about 500,000 people. With Goma airport closed, and other routes into the city severed by fighting, the United Nations says it is unable to provide aid to the refugees.

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Diary

Matthew Norman

F EARS mount for the mental health of Paul Johnson, once my sane and rational friend...

A COLLEAGUE calling the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for information has been directed to the website at http://www.open.gov...

B RENT Council may be back under Labour control, but the fun continues. This week, it is a case of political cross-dressing...

C ARMEN CALIL, chairman of this year's Booker judges, continues to lash the enemies of the English novel...

T HANKS to all who wrote in to posit the theory that George Elliot did not, as was loosely suggested here yesterday, write Moll Flanders...

I AM shocked by a malicious report on Rosie Boycott, new editor of the Independent on Sunday, in the New York Observer...

T HANKS to Antony Hopper for reporting the impressive gallery of modern art decorating Burying King's central Manchester branch...



Teacher who never failed his children

Commentary

Peter Preston

KEEP thinking about RF Mackenzie this craven, caterwauling week of moral panic. What on earth (or the Scottish heaven he surely inhabits) would Mackenzie make of Mantel...

children, not the system. He gathered round him a staff of like minds which fixed with purpose, which sought from a grey, impoverished town of a townsmen's turn to turn out thinking, rounded human beings...

never been written because no lover could ever write the whole truth about it. Could he teach — alongside the dedicated work of many — the contrapuntal facts about Fife's lumbering machinery, behind-the-scenes fixing and ignorance? Of course not. Would he, alive today, be able to deliver the Neil Hamilton lecture on "making truth and integrity priorities in public life" — as the Forum puts it? Or the Kevin Maxwell lecture on "helping people to know about the law and legal processes"?

and many parents, replicating convention, saw him off. It was Mission Impractical. And yet, in the deepest sense, Braehead Secondary was a moral school. It didn't stick a Forum mission statement on the wall hailing "loyalty, trust and confidence" or "respect for the dignity of all people". It lived those things, seeking explicitly to replace the decline of Christian underpinning (then as now) with so many violent teachers at that time, it was inevitable that many of the kids would follow suit.

not just by alternative classroom texts but by the community of pupils and teachers together. Old Labour lowered the boom. New Labour would probably not raise it in the first place. We ought, I think, to be clear about current panic. Bob Mac, as ever, would manage a melancholy smile. Schools, in his bitter experience, didn't mould society. The expectations of society moulded schools.

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How Mr Turton soured the Good Old Days



Mark Steel

A PECULIAR thing happens in your mid-30s, when for the first time you are invited to take part in the world of nostalgia. When I was a boy I would listen to adults pining for the old days of unclashed back doors, family sing-alongs and hidings that "never did me any harm". From my perspective they seemed to be saying: "Then this little bastard was born and the world became a cesspit."

face and shout "Kung Fu, my son". The bullying of a 60s education may have been implacable, but did it help to educate us? Hand in hand with the discipline was a method of teaching summed up by the "Times Table": the practice of reciting "Once four is four, two fours are eight" in a best of "Crotchety quaver quaver crotchety" with as much value as if we were repeating in alphabetical order the football teams of the Scottish Second Division. Later, having destroyed any enthusiasm we might have had for maths, the same technique was employed at the "big" school to wreck any passion for languages as we stood mumbly, "Je m'adore, je m'adore, je m'adore". It was compulsory, if you were a boy, to do woodwork, in which you made objects I've never heard of outside woodwork lessons, like a clock-holder or a thimble-dish. Such was the genius of my school for making fascinating subjects utterly tedious, that even our two sex lessons comprised an embarrassed and prudish woman who looked like a village librarian, stumbling her way through a

With so many violent teachers at that time, it was inevitable that many of the kids would follow suit

series of instructions that made it sound as if he was asking you to put together an MFI cupboard. The result of all this was that I drew a chart on my bedroom wall, with a line for each day left before I could leave, ticking off the days in the way that prisoners look forward to being released. Like many others of my age, my fascination with history, literature and languages could only begin once I left the place that was supposed to teach them. The peculiar thing about being in your mid-30s is that for the first time you can say: "Yes, I remember those days, and thank Christ they're gone." Although there are some parts of the code issued by the National Forum for Values in Education and the Community that should be implemented. For instance, the bit that encourages "challenging values or actions which may be harmful to individuals or communities". If only that had been in place in the 60s. After assembly every headmaster would have had to say: "Right, children, here's your bucksets. We're all going down to the shopping centre to collect for the miners."



Clinton's party policy

While the Democrats are straining every nerve to regain control of Congress, Martin Walker asks if the President has a different agenda: to do a Tory Blair and re-invent his party

T HIS is the last chance for the Democratic party. If they cannot regain the House and Senate next Tuesday, riding the coat-tails of what looks to be a landslide for President Clinton, and with Newt Gingrich's Republicans thoroughly discredited, it is not easy to see how they could ever again become the Congressional majority. The entire Democratic machine has made an all-out effort, from President Clinton's own impeccably drilled campaign to the trade union movement with its \$35 million for narrowly targeted TV ads to unseat 70 vulnerable Republican Congressmen. The organised women's groups like Emily's List have strained every nerve and raised every dime to elect Democrats. Jesse Jackson and the Black caucus and the Hispanic organisations are campaigning tirelessly to deliver their block votes. Right now, it looks as if this Herculean combined effort, the most sustained Democratic drive that most party professionals can remember, might not be enough. The tide of history, of the conservative drift of the South, and the suburbanisation of the northern cities, are proving too strong. Depending on the voter turnout and the wild card of the 15 million newly

trade and "an end to welfare as we know it" — was a DLC document. With some populist promises to cushion the impact of free trade on Democratic voters with education and job training and health reform, the election went according to the plan of the DLC, an organisation which Jesse Jackson condemned as "a bunch of Southern white boys in suits". For 36 years now, the only way the Democrats have won the White House has been with a Southern white male as their candidate: Lyndon Johnson, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton. In the year 2000, they will try again, with another Southern candidate, Al Gore. Only with that Dixie straw at the head of the ticket have the Democrats proved able to stop a Republican sweep of the Southern states. The scurrilous theory says that the main dynamic of the next four years will be the battle for the soul of the Democratic party. On the one side stands Clinton's suburban liberalism, embodied in the succession of Al Gore. On the other stands a Congressional Democrat like the Congressional leaders Dick Gephardt of Missouri and David Bonior of Michigan, representing a shift back to the traditional Democratic party of the New Deal and big government, the urban base and the unions. The immediate focus of this battle will be free trade, the hallmark of the Clinton Presidency, but the bugbear of traditional Democrats. Next year, Congress will be faced with Clinton's application to join Mexico and Canada in the North American Free Trade Association. Al Gore backs it. Dick Gephardt and

David Bonior do not. The strongest argument against the scurrilous theory is that Republican majorities in either House or Senate will enable their committee chairmen to convene new Congressional hearings into Whitewater, and keep up the nagging and potentially lethal pressure on the White House. Bill Clinton must weigh his worry about his and Hillary's vulnerability to such a renewed assault against his determination to build a lasting political legacy. He thinks in Rooseveltian proportions, of crafting a centrist new Democratic coalition to render them the natural party of government in an era when most voters inhabit middle-class suburbs. THIS test of the scurrilous theory is the degree to which Clinton is investing his vast financial and political capital in these last campaigning days to help elect a Democratic Congress. The evidence is a bit mixed. He has transferred some \$12 million in advertising funds from New England to the national party coffers. But he has been curiously selective about the states and the Democratic candidates he has chosen for campaign stops. This last week sees Clinton campaign in Virginia (for himself); in Tennessee (for himself); in Missouri (for himself); in Minnesota and Illinois (to help hold threatened Democratic Senate seats); in Ohio and Pennsylvania (for himself, and three possible Congressional gains). He then goes to Michigan, Colorado, Arizona, Califor-

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Marcel Carné

Paradise lost and found

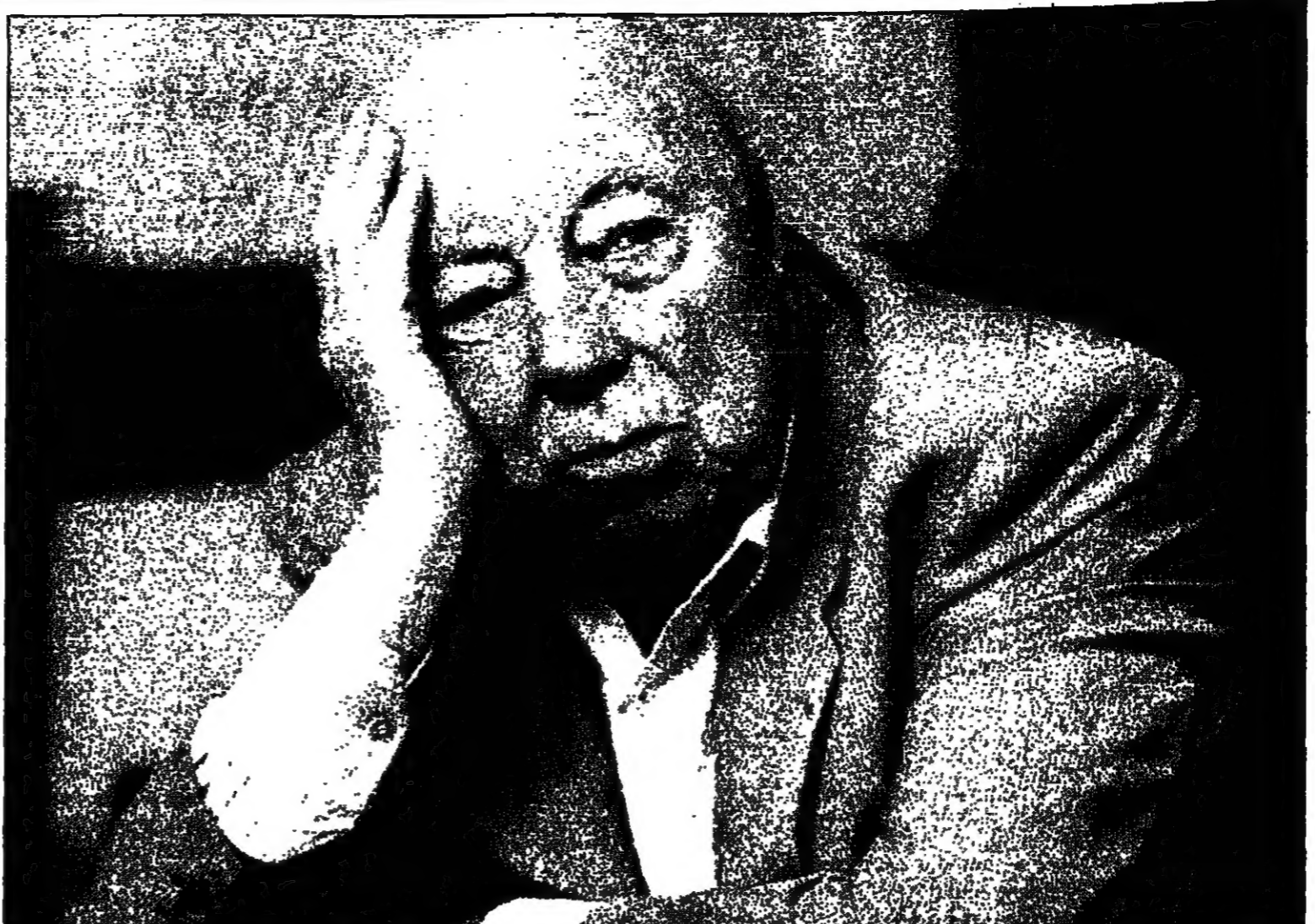
MARCEL Carné was the youngest and the last survivor of the generation of outstanding directors... René Clair, Jean Renoir, Julien Duvivier, Sacha Guitry, Jacques Feyder, Marcel Pagnol...

1929, he bought a 35mm camera and film stock to make a charming, observant documentary about holidaying working-class Parisians... Carné's chance to direct professionally came in 1936 when Feyder left for England...

Les Enfants du Paradis remains undiminished after half a century

In 1929, a chance meeting with the actress Françoise Rosay led to his being taken on as assistant by her husband, the gifted Belgian-born director Jacques Feyder...

after the partnership ended. In Jersey, Prévost, Carné and another future regular collaborator, the composer Joseph Kosma, gave style to a sentimental melodrama... Carné's subsequent films, Quai des Brumes (1939), Hôtel du Nord (1938) and Le Jour Se Lève (1939) achieved unanimous acclaim...



Marcel Carné, above, and left, Jean-Louis Barrault plays the mime in Carné's masterpiece, Les Enfants du Paradis

haunting allegory of the relationship and contradictions of life and art. The film's mastery, novel-style narrative and visual magnificence betrayed nothing of the difficulties of production, resulting from war shortages and enforced stoppages...

returned to Carné however to ensure the commercial success of an adaptation of Georges Simenon's Le Marié du port (1950). After that Carné's work, for all its ambitions, was uneven and uncertain...

tion of the "cinéma de papa". His resentment of these young film-makers whom he felt had destroyed his career, added to his bitterness at the events of the liberation period, stayed with him to the end of his life...

direct a Franco-Italian-German co-production, Mouche, based on a Maupessant story. The costume picture, which he had been planning since 1968, was to cost over \$6m; and Carné said in his many enthusiastic press interviews that the style would be influenced by the Impressionists...

ism, the lasting insecurities of a self-educated man, and irreducible sensitivity about his short stature. Carné never openly acknowledged his evident homosexuality; and perhaps this lay at the bottom of his essential privacy...

Derek Tangye

The world beat a path to his door

THE author Derek Tangye, who has died aged 84, was a national newspaper journalist and his wife, Jeanette, was the head of public relations for the Savoy Hotel Group when, in 1949, they decided to emigrate to London for a different sort of contentment in a remote corner of Cornwall...

ish years, a quietly popular series of tales of rural life depicting Jeanette as the heroine. It was a tough life, crowded with the physical graft of making a living from the Cornish cliffs, getting their potatoes and daffodils to the Penzance train and bound for the market up-country...

and the remoteness from so-called civilisation. He discovered and released in his admirable style, with humour and sincerity, the secrets of the bonds between animals and humans... He believed many people found at Dorninnack an anchor in their lives...

way down the long winding lane to his home. "Why is sentimentality such a crime while evil, violence and cheating are accepted? One has almost to apologise for sentiment. Sentiment is love and what is wrong with that?" he added...

Herbert to the former deputy prime minister George Brown. In 1990, Derek was included in the top 10 of most-borrowed authors from public libraries and the following year The World of Minack was published to celebrate the 30 years since A Gull on the Reef...

Birthdays

Umberto Agnelli, former deputy chairman, Fiat, 52; Victoria de los Angeles, soprano, 73; Jacques Attali, former president, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 53; Prof Sir Hermann Bondi, physicist, humanist, 77; Sharron Davies, swimmer, 34; Nigel Dempster, diarist, 55; Lou Donaldson, alto saxophonist, 70; Tazewell Firth, stage and costume designer, 61; Bruce Grocott, Labour MP, 58; Mark Hughes, footballer, 33; Roger Kellaway, composer and pianist, 57; Andrew Knight, former chairman, News International, 57; Ted Lowe, snooker commentator, 76; Dr J Dickson Mabon, former Labour minister, 71; Naomi Mitchison, novelist, 95; Nick Owen, broadcaster, 45; Gary Player, golfer, 61; John Pullen, rugby player, 55; Gerald Ratner, former chairman, Ratners' Jewellers, 47; Lee Ritzenour, jazz guitarist, 43.

Death Notices

All: Arthur, Journalist and broadcaster, died peacefully in London, 29th October 1996. Loving husband of Lynne, adored father of Steve and Sandra and beloved grandfather of Kaitlin. Funeral Friday November 1st, Regatta Park Mosque following Zahir Prayers. Memorial Service to be held at a later date. Flowers may be sent to: Heeders Cemetery, Marsh Road, London NW7 1HS.

In Memoriam

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First class

TOMORROW I will begin with the Floor homology seminar (Wednesday 4pm, Room 11). The first lecture is of a preparatory nature. The object is to show how Feynman path integrals in phase space with quadratic Hamiltonians lead to the Schrödinger equation and the metaplectic representation...

Slow line-up

JOHN Williams had to pick his wife's tortoise, Tara, from a police identity parade of seven others, after Tara went missing from her home at Sedbury, Gloucestershire. "We suspected it was Tara, but we had to make sure," said PC Dave Jones, after raiding a Cardiff pet shop. Police later confirmed Tara's identity by using family photographs. From the animal crime-watch reports in Country Life.

Science shop

HUMAN beings walk the way they drive — which is to say that Americans tend to keep to the right when they stroll down shopping mall corridors or city sidewalks. This is why, in a well-designed airport, travellers drifting toward their gate will always find the fast-food restaurants on their left and the gift shops on their right...

No Escape for nerds

slow down — just as it takes a good stretch of road to change gears with a stick-shift auto-mobile. On the basis of his research, Peco estimates the human dawnshift period to be anywhere from 12 to 25 feet, so if you own a store, he says, you never want to be next door to a bank; potential shoppers speed up when they walk past a bank (since there's nothing to look at), and by the time they slow down they've walked right past your business.

The downshift factor also means that when potential shoppers enter a store it's going to take them from five to 15 paces to adjust to the light and reflexes and gear down from walking speed to shopping speed — particularly if they've just had to navigate a treacherous parking lot or hurry to make the light at 5th and Fifth. The science of shopping manipulation described in the New Yorker.

The tragedy

THE VENUE: In the Derbyshire suite of Southampton Hotel, this the future of computer games is being enacted. The room is packed with 30 or so young men, the youngest of whom looks about seven, the eldest going on 50. Thirty-odd PCs sit on a bunch of tables. The curtains are drawn against the brilliant sunshine. A Sierra of dead french fries and hoed bottles sit piled in the middle of the room... It's the misanthropic of sweaty adolescence: a wall of BO, a sea of unwashed armpits. This is Netmest: a coming together of souls dedicated to one task — the non-stop parading of multiplayer network computer games. Some people go to the seaside on Bank Holiday...

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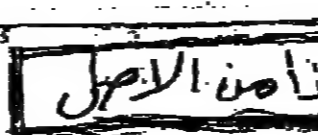
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Brands Hatch gears up for change



£9m issue to fund leisure expansion

Sarah Whitebloom

IT MAY have made its name from racing, but Brands Hatch Leisure — owner of the internationally renowned motor-sports track — made clear yesterday that that cars would be only part of its future.

Unveiling a £9.3 million new issue — which values the company at £24.3 million — Brands Hatch said it planned to use part of the cash to invest in entertainment and conference facilities as well as rally schools. About £4 million will go to repay bank debt, which totalled around £12 million at the end of August.

Led by Nicola Foulston, the chief executive, aged 29, Brands Hatch is set on exploiting its brand name to boost revenues. Although best known for events such as the British Formula Three, the firm — which also owns Oulton Park, Snetterton and Cadwell Park — aims to promote “extra activities”.

Of the money raised, £3 million will go on catering and conference facilities. The company plans to spend a further £2 million on updating the grandstand and infrastructure at Brands Hatch race track.

Brands Hatch made a pre-tax profit of £1.6 million in the eight months to the end of August. The shares will be floated at 157p, and first dealings are expected to start on 7 November.

Left: Frank Biela's Audi at the GB Touring Cars Championships, Brands Hatch, in April

PICTURE: TOM JERONS

Murdoch pulls Warner plug

Lisa Buckingham and Jonathan Coombe

EDIA empire Time Warner and News Corporation were at loggerheads last night after BSkyB pulled the plug on today's high profile launch of the Warner Channel.

Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation is furious with Time Warner for refusing to allow its Fox Television's all-news channel on the US company's New York cables.

Mr Murdoch, whose News International owns 40 per cent of the satellite network, has therefore retaliated by refusing to carry Time Warner's family entertainment channel in the UK.

“We've got some problems,” said Barbara Brogliatti, a spokeswoman for Warner in the US.

Chris Haynes, a spokesman for BSkyB, would say only: “We are still in discussions.”

Time Warner has won a preliminary injunction in a Manhattan federal court and has requested a permanent order blocking New York from carrying Fox News on its public access channels.

The news came as BSkyB was braced for a showdown with investors at today's annual meeting in London over plans to continue to in-

stallate most directors from being fired by shareholders.

The issue comes up because one of BSkyB's main shareholders, Chargeurs de France, has altered the structure of its stake and the broadcaster wants to maintain protection for its two directors.

Chargeurs' stake is now held through newsreel company Pathé with the same two directors, Michel Crepon and Jerome Seydoux.

The investment advisory group, Pirc, said yesterday that protecting directors nominated by big shareholders against re-election was inimical to the idea of equal rights for all shareholders.

Protection from re-election was enshrined in the articles of BSkyB when a slice of its shares was floated on the Stock Market. News International has three executive directors, and Granada, another leading investor, also nominates protected directors.

A vote by 25 per cent of shareholders against re-entrenchment is needed and, says Pirc, investors with directors' rights account for less than the 75 per cent needed to swing the vote.

Pathé's directors will have to stand for re-election before shareholders vote on transferring their immunity.

BSkyB said it thought the institutions had misunderstood the issue, though pro-

tecting directors against re-election contravenes the expectations of the Association of British Insurers and the National Association of Pension Funds.

The controversy has been fuelled by BSkyB's practice of allowing directors to nominate substitutes for board meetings they cannot attend — which opened the way for Mr Murdoch's daughter Elizabeth to be named as a substitute by three News International directors.

Pirc said yesterday this was not in the interests of minority shareholders as alternate directors are not subject to election and it can mean that an executive director substi-

News in brief

LBS brands Clarke's rate rise unnecessary

THE Chancellor Kenneth Clarke's decision to raise base rates this week was unnecessary, the latest overview of the economy from the London Business School says today.

Fears of inflation rising on the back of the pick-up in consumer spending are misplaced, the report by the Centre for Economic Forecasting at the LBS says, and rates could have been left on hold until after the General Election.

Another report published yesterday warned that an explosion in the number of state-dependent pensioners and further integration of global markets threatens to tip Western countries into an era of protectionism, xenophobic politics and economic decline. Unsettled Times, by the Chatham House Forum said that with markets decoupling from nation states and governments engaged in a fierce competition for “fugitive capital”, the only escape route for industrial countries is to push up retirement ages, tighten welfare budgets and invest in skills. — Sarah Ryle and Richard Thomas

Lloyd's reviews regulation

THE Lloyd's of London insurance market yesterday announced plans for a review of its regulatory structure in an attempt to ensure that past lapses are not repeated. The review will look at whether regulation of the £10 billion-a-year market should be supervised by an organisation outside Lloyd's. It will also examine the policyholder protection and the composition of Lloyd's internal supervisory bodies. — Lisa Buckingham

Body Shop's Asian pick-up

GROWTH in Body Shop's Asian markets and regeneration in Australia boosted profits of the health and beauty products retailer by 30 per cent to £11.8 million in the first half of the year. Chairman Gordon Roddick hailed the group's Asian operations as the “dynamic expansion area”. — Tony May

Gowings takeover off

GUINNESS Peet Group, Sir Ron Briarty's investment company, has abandoned a planned takeover of Gowings, the mini-conglomerate which operates Burger King outlets and two Ford dealerships. Blaming Gowings' unwillingness to discuss a recommended deal, Shares in Gowings fell 9½p to 75½p on the news. — Paul Murphy

Shell profits down

ROYAL Dutch Shell Group yesterday reported third-quarter profits down in spite of the highest oil prices since the Gulf War. The company said margins had been squeezed as supply costs and exploration write-offs outpaced sales growth. Chemical profits, in line with the rest of the industry, also fell. — Celia Weston

CBI fretting for the non-execs

Lisa Buckingham

THE Confederation of British Industry yesterday called for an investigation into whether non-executive directors should be given greater legal protection from prosecution than their executive counterparts.

All directors have the same duties and liabilities and are held equally accountable in law, but the CBI is worried that the increased responsibilities of non-executives, which involve audit and remuneration committees, might deter candidates from standing up.

CBI executives are also aware that in the United States the supply of competent independent directors nearly dried up a few years ago because of the threat of legal actions.

The CBI points out that a distinction has been created in case law which suggests that judges do not hold non-executives liable for events outside their knowledge. Most information supplied to non-executives comes from executive directors, making the discovery of a fraud, for example, extremely difficult.

The CBI is now urging the Hampel committee on the future of corporate gover-

Hotels stage revival to rival Sinatra

OUTLOOK/Company doctor seals Metropole deal to cap the Stakis comeback, reports IAN KING

THE story of hotel group Stakis is of a corporate comeback. Of Blue Eyes himself would be proud of.

Confirmation yesterday that Stakis is buying Metropole Hotels from Lohrho for £237 million — a deal first reported in the Guardian — completes a stunning revival. In 1992, Stakis was as good as on the mortuary slab.

After the acquisition of Metropole — which consists of five class four-star hotels in London, Brighton, Blackpool and Birmingham — Stakis will be Britain's third biggest hotelier in terms of room numbers. That will put it comfortably ahead of rivals like Queen's Moat Houses and Hilton.

The recovery is largely down to chief executive David Michels and Sir Lewis Robertson, the company doctor who replaced the group's founder, Cyprus-born Sir Reo Stakis, in 1991.

Although Sir Reo is now back in the chairman's seat, it was Sir Lewis who agreed a debt standstill with the then loss-making group's 27 banks, began a programme of disposals, and fired Sir Reo's son Andros to replace him with Mr Michels.

listing hotels to a whole new customer base, and expects to improve occupancy levels by bringing Metropole into its reservation system.

Yesterday's acquisition is being part-financed by a four-for-seven rights issue, the third in four years, which will raise £222 million. Although one or two eyebrows will be raised at the size of the cash call, which will increase Stakis's market capital by almost 50 per cent, raising the cash in this way means the group's borrowing — which increases to £330 million — will stay at a level appropriate for hotel groups.

The cash call itself is not without interest, since in a move designed to save Stakis about £1 million, Schwabers, the group's investment bank, has designed a novel way in which to sub-underwrite the issue.

The question now is whether Stakis can continue to gain the pace which has been setting for the last few years. The company prides itself on an ambitious internal investment programme, which also covers its casino and health club activities, and sets itself demanding targets.

The company felt confident enough yesterday to publish a profits forecast which predicted an improvement of almost 23 per cent, and the City appeared happy enough with the terms of the Metropole deal, marking the shares up



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Vodafone eases contract terms

Chris Barrie
Business Correspondent

VODAFONE, the mobile phone operator, was forced to concede yesterday to demands by the Office of Fair Trading that it must ease terms and conditions imposed on some subscribers.

After a long-running dispute with the OFT over allegations that contracts offered to the public were unfair, Britain's largest mobile phone network agreed to redraft the terms offered by its Vodafone subsidiary, so that the contracts are easier to terminate, easier to understand and shorter.

Among the changes are the dropping of a £50 disconnection charge, a reduction of the 90-day notice period for termination to one month, and greater flexibility for the consumer to end the agreement if price rises are too great.

John Bridgeman, director general of fair trading, said eight other mobile phone companies had yet to redraft their contracts. The companies were warned in June that the OFT would take legal

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Bookmaker
pledge to

Racing

Bookmakers' tax pledge to punters

Chris Hawkes

BOOKMAKERS are pledging to cut betting deductions from the current rate of nine per cent to 7.5 per cent...

This would mean that punters would be paying less than at any time in the last 25 years... The BHB, worried about declining numbers of owners in racing...

Bookmakers are asking the Chancellor for a reduction of 1.25 per cent in general betting duty...

Hong Kong jockeys banned

TWO Hong Kong jockeys, "Rambo" Tse and Ch Ko, have been suspended for nine months as part of ongoing investigations into suspected race fixing...

The Hong Kong Jockey Club has been making reports that several of the jockeys that rode in the race had earlier been in contact with illegal book-

"A further 1.25 per cent is required just to put the betting industry back into line with the position pre 1994 and the National Lottery," he said.

The Hamley report indicates that 1,300 betting shops and around 4,000 jobs are at risk unless something can be done about the depressed state of the betting industry.

There seems to be a general assumption that the Chancellor will act on one of the cases being put forward but Tristram Ricketts, chief executive of the BHB, hopes he will see the need to benefit racing directly.

"We know the bookmakers will be asking for less in terms of a general betting duty reduction but their intention to cut tax by one and a half per cent to punters is something new," said Ricketts.

"We are sticking with our case, however, that the whole industry and not just betting needs help."

Compromise is the usual politician's approach, of course, and although some support may be given it is unlikely either side will get exactly what it wants.

At Newmarket this afternoon Clifton Fox (1.55), a very easy winner of the Cambridge Stakes, reappears in the James Seymour Stakes.

An extra furlong here will not trouble him, nor the ease in the ground, so he should score again although Tenby's half-brother Bright Water,

trained by Henry Cecil, won nicely last time. Cecil is running out of time in his pursuit of Saeed bin Suroor in the trainers' championship but Corradini (2.30) looks a winner for the Warren Place maestro in the George Stubbs Rated Handicap.

The bottom six in this must all carry over-weight as the minimum is 8st 7lb thus Corradini has less to do under top weight than might at first appear.

After finishing third in the Ebor, he won driven out at Doncaster looking as if today's longer trip of two miles would be ideal.

John Dunlop's Barnum Sands (1.20) made the Cecil hot-pot High Roller pull out all the stops at Ascot last time and on that form looks good in the NGK Spark Plugs Stakes.

Saeed bin Suroor's bid to strengthen his trainers' championship claims ended in a damp squib at Nottingham yesterday.

The ex-Dubai policeman, currently around £31,000 ahead of Henry Cecil in the table, looked to have found the ideal opening for Easy Options in the £7,500 six-furlong Snodgrass Stakes.

But Frankie Dettori's mount, fourth in the last two runnings of the Group One Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp, was ominously easy to back for the Class C event.

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At a subsequent stewards' inquiry Dettori reported that Easy Options failed to stay the trip, a view backed up by Saeed's representative.

Astrac, who justified a 400-mile round-trip from Gay Kelleway's Whitcombe stable, was scoring for the first time since he took the Wokingham at Royal Ascot for Reg Akers.

"He had problems with his back and his withers but Gay has done a fantastic job and got him back to form," said part-owner, Clive Titchm.



Forehand knowledge... Edberg, two weeks from retirement, on his way to victory in Paris against Fernon Wibler

Nasty moments for Mr Nice Guy

Richard Jago in Paris STEFAN EDBERG came from a set down and a break down in the second set to reach the quarter-finals of the Paris Open, raising hopes that the final fortnight of a great career may be suitably climactic by regaining the title he won six years ago.

Wibler, who has spent most of his career playing satellite tournaments, was eventually defeated 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, but he has probably never played better than in the past four days. This upsurge has happened, rather perversely, Wilber believes, since he began part-time study. He frequently served better than Edberg and for half the match served at his best when it mattered most.

Wibler also turned the spectators' mood around completely. Routinely they might have backed the underdog but, because he was playing Edberg, Wibler had to earn their support. The departing Mr Nice Guy commanded most of the female applause, and many of the others

cheered him too as the Great Retiring Champ. However, by the time Wibler had saved one break point in the second game and three in a row in the sixth — between breaking Edberg's serve in a dogfight of a game lasting 14 rallies — the crowd had transferred their sympathies.

When Wibler unleashed an evilly swerving forehand pass at full gallop to help break Edberg again, the audience, sensing another famous scalp might be lifted, gave Wibler their most generous applause. "He did surprise me," admitted Edberg. "I had to work very hard and, in the end, I think I produced some good tennis. But it was tough."

That good tennis came in a sudden flood after Edberg had cracked Wibler's resistance by breaking him for the first time in the 18th game. This was followed by a further break two service games later, which gained Edberg the second set, and by yet another at the start of the third. After that Edberg's blocked returns and rolling backhand waves began to sweep in waves over and around Wibler's net game.

The contest finished with a wrong-footing forehand top-spin job which descended on a majestic parabola and deservedly earned Edberg a standing ovation. "There is an opportunity here now, I can see that," he

said. "What's happening is a bit like what happened at Wimbledon this year, with all the seeds going out." Earlier Wayne Ferreira (7), Todd Martin (11) and Felix Mantilla (15) were all beaten, respectively by Magnus Gustafsson, Paul Hanika and Marc Rosset, who had already accounted for Agassi, Ivanisevic and Sampras.

The fourth seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov, however, looked ominously secure, smartly accounting for the Wimbledon runner-up MaliVai Washington by 6-4, 6-3. Haring won at Roland Garros in June and in Lyon in October, the young Russian looks increasingly well placed to complete a rare French hat-trick.

Newmarket card with guide to the form

A detailed racing card for Newmarket, listing various races such as the 1.20 Maiden Stakes, 1.30 Maiden Stakes, 1.45 Maiden Stakes, 2.00 Maiden Stakes, 2.15 Maiden Stakes, 2.30 Maiden Stakes, 2.45 Maiden Stakes, 3.00 Maiden Stakes, 3.15 Maiden Stakes, 3.30 Maiden Stakes, 3.45 Maiden Stakes, 4.00 Maiden Stakes, 4.15 Maiden Stakes, 4.30 Maiden Stakes, 4.45 Maiden Stakes, 5.00 Maiden Stakes, 5.15 Maiden Stakes, 5.30 Maiden Stakes, 5.45 Maiden Stakes, 6.00 Maiden Stakes, 6.15 Maiden Stakes, 6.30 Maiden Stakes, 6.45 Maiden Stakes, 7.00 Maiden Stakes, 7.15 Maiden Stakes, 7.30 Maiden Stakes, 7.45 Maiden Stakes, 8.00 Maiden Stakes, 8.15 Maiden Stakes, 8.30 Maiden Stakes, 8.45 Maiden Stakes, 9.00 Maiden Stakes, 9.15 Maiden Stakes, 9.30 Maiden Stakes, 9.45 Maiden Stakes, 10.00 Maiden Stakes, 10.15 Maiden Stakes, 10.30 Maiden Stakes, 10.45 Maiden Stakes, 11.00 Maiden Stakes, 11.15 Maiden Stakes, 11.30 Maiden Stakes, 11.45 Maiden Stakes, 12.00 Maiden Stakes, 12.15 Maiden Stakes, 12.30 Maiden Stakes, 12.45 Maiden Stakes.

Bangor National Hunt programme

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Soccer

European Cup Winners' Cup, second round, second leg: Liverpool 6, FC Sion 3 (agg: 8-4)

Fowler feasts in feeding frenzy

LIVERPOOL actively courted disaster before ruthlessly imposing their will on the minnow of FC Sion on a most memorable night. Five goals in the second half moved Liverpool forward into the quarter-finals of the Cup Winners' Cup.

round a besotted Merseyside public had walked through the wind and rain chasing that special magic. On a playing surface made difficult by incessant rain, there was little room for artistry or style. That is to say Sion lovingly embraced the foul British weather.

Liverpool's manager Roy Evans, and the club captain John Barnes, had talked of complicity, the age-old enemy of all sides holding first-leg leads. Rather sadly, no one seemed to have been paying attention, the warriors went unheeded and Sion could hardly believe their good fortune.

cheek, Liverpool fell back to reassess the situation. It was a dangerous ploy that cried out to be punished. The advantage with which Liverpool began the evening was almost erased as early as the fifth minute when their defence split for the first, but not the last, time.

brief, any sense of relief fell from the stadium. Fourteen minutes later Sion were in front on the night, level on aggregate and deservedly so. Christopher Bonvin's sprint down the left ended with a crisp, low cross and Chassot would have struggled to miss from six yards. He did not, of course.

steering a flashing drive just inside a post. Commandably Liverpool steadied themselves and they were able to level the aggregate score in the 27th minute when Sion, foolishly, allowed Steve McManaman to arrive unannounced at the far post to poke in a McAteer cross.

from the sodden turf after being fouled to sweep in a free-kick from 30 yards, one which the goalkeeper Lehmann should have gathered. There was more to follow. Much more. After 64 minutes Chassot laid claim to his second goal of the night after outpacing Matteo and then rounding James.



McManaman... first reply

As the Swiss began to fold, Fowler struck twice in the space of 90 seconds to reinforce Liverpool's advantage before Berger scored in the last minutes to make the tie completely safe.

Wayward lad to get the benefit of England's doubt

David Lacey on a selection dilemma made trickier for Hoddle by Shearer's absence

THE apparent inclusion of Paul Gascoigne in the England squad today following newspaper allegations of wife-battering threatens to engulf Glenn Hoddle in his biggest controversy since becoming national coach before his most difficult match yet, the World Cup qualifier against Georgia in Tbilisi tomorrow week.

whose own marriage has recently broken up, Tony Adams is the logical replacement for Gary Pallister, who had a knee operation yesterday.

believe he could still hold centre stage when the game was leaving him behind. However, several factors look like keeping Gascoigne around a while longer: Hoddle's knowledge that he is still capable of turning a match through a single moment of inspiration, the fact that Shearer's groin operation has left England short of experienced internationals, and a possible reluctance to risk Matthew Le Tissier at any stage of so awkward a game.



Back on board... Adams, England's Euro 96 captain, may be recalled as captain

After a series of discussions involving Hoddle, Gascoigne and Keith Wiseman, the chairman of the Football Association, the FA appears to have decided to give the player another chance. But its reasons for reaching this conclusion, namely that there was no police complaint and that there was more to the alleged incident at the Gleneagles Hotel than met the eye in the press, are hardly calculated to mollify those who have been clamouring for Gascoigne's banishment.

The Gascoigne debate falls into two categories, the emotional and the practical. The first insists that Hoddle should be leaving him out of the squad following the pictures of a bruised-looking Mrs Gascoigne which have appeared in the press. The second argues that even before this the footballing case for dropping Gascoigne from the team had become overwhelming.

Georgia look amply equipped to exploit the sort of space Poland found in England's half at Wembley. Nensadze and Gogichashvili were already given Italy a fright and Kinkladze is no stranger to English defenders. So initially, at any rate, Tbilisi is likely to be a defensive exercise and, if Hoddle feels a player could be a defensive liability, he will not play him. This, as much as anything, could lose Gascoigne his place in the starting line-up even though his position in the squad, for the moment, looks secure.

Hoddle should surely give serious thought to adding Claire Rayner to his England backroom staff. If Graham Taylor could employ a psychologist to take care of his players' minds there must be a role here for the nation's leading agony aunt. Consider the situation in which Hoddle has found himself. He has had to decide whether to omit an alleged wife-beater while at the same time pondering the need to recall a confessed alcoholic

When Gascoigne appeared against Poland, his critics argue, he wanted to play the game at a perambulatory pace which was at odds with the younger, quicker legs of David Beckham and Steve McManaman. He seemed to

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Pompey's Brady Brown squad coloured with doubt

Patrick Glenn on injury and eligibility worries before Scotland's Swedish date

TERRY BRADY, the millionaire Portsmouth director who helped bring Terry Venables to Fritton Park, has resigned from the board after a rift with the chairman Martin Gregory. Brady left in the wake of a stormy board meeting after Portsmouth's draw with Birmingham on Tuesday.

with Leeds next week. Chris Woods, the former England goalkeeper, has joined Graeme Souness's loan from the US club Colorado Rapids. Woods, 36, was signed by Souness for Rangers from Norwich 10 years ago. Birmingham have signed Everton's full-back Matt Jackson on a month's loan but Gary Poole has pulled out of a planned £250,000 move from St Andrews to Charlton after rejecting personal terms.

yellow cards against Austria and Latvia. But, until FIFA decides whether the Scots' fixture in Tallinn was fulfilled, McAlester's eligibility for the Sweden game is in doubt. "The original fax from Fifa said quite specifically that he was banned from the Estonia match," said Brown. "If they decide the game should be replayed, it becomes a grey area. Does McAlester miss Sweden because it becomes the next game on our schedule, or does the original suspension stand?"

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United need candles and prayers

David Lacey

ALEX FERGUSON's 10th birthday as manager of Manchester United is in danger of becoming a wake. Having suffered their worst back-to-back league defeats for 60 years, United have now lost their 40-year-old unbeaten home record in Europe to Fenerbahce, who on Wednesday night won 1-0 at Old Trafford in the Champions League.

United would then have 10 points and, even if Fenerbahce equalled this by beating Rapid at home before overcoming Juventus in Turin, a rather more emphatic notion. United would still qualify because their superior winning margin (2-0) in Istanbul just over a fortnight ago.

Conspiracy theorists might argue, moreover, that since it would suit Juventus's book to finish second and meet Porto, the likely Group D winners, rather than Milan, the probable runners-up, for a place in the semi-finals Marcello Lippi's side might adopt a casual approach at Old Trafford. But unless there is a radical improvement in United's form even a half-paced Juventus would struggle to lose.

Paul Scholes replaced Cruyff as a decisive influence, making important contributions to both goals. Yet on Wednesday Ferguson left the young Norwegian on the bench, preferring to flank Cantona with Jordi Cruyff, who missed a series of chances, and Karel Poborsky, who is rapidly becoming the Czech equivalent of Barry Silkman, a name which still sends shudders through Maine Road.

At the moment Ferguson is facing the uncomfortable truth that his burning ambition to win the European Cup is unlikely to be fulfilled in the near future. On Wednesday he was en-

League decided to scrap a traditional regulation entitling the PFA to 10 per cent of any TV deal. The League had negotiated a deal worth £2.5 million over five years with Sky for live coverage of Nationwide League games, and the PFA would have been entitled to £2.5 million a year under the traditional 10 per cent arrangement. The union had agreed to accept £550,000 under the previous TV deal and the compromise would give them 5.2 per cent.

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Sport in brief: Rugby Union: David Campese will open his Wallabies tour on the right wing against the combined Glasgow-Edinburgh XV at Old Anniesland tomorrow. The holder of a record 100 caps will play outside the likely Test centre combination of Daniel Herbert and Pat Howard while the lock David Giffen, who impressed in the midweek victory over Scotland, is given a quick chance to book a Test place.

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Rugby Union

Clubs ready to take RFU cash and run

Robert Armstrong says resistance to Twickenham's £8m offer is crumbling

THE majority of England's leading clubs want to accept the peace deal offered by the Rugby Football Union and bring to an end the bitter nine-month dispute that has prevented them receiving RFU cash this season.

Ireland give Topping and Henderson the green light

THE London Irish centre Rob Henderson and the Ballymena wing James Topping will win their first caps against Western Samoa on November 12, the first rugby union match to be played under floodlights in Ireland.

Swimming

GB tap Smith's coach

Duncan Mackay A DECISION to invite to Britain the coach who was the inspiration behind Michelle Smith's three gold medals for Ireland at the Atlanta Olympic Games has been welcomed, even though he is serving a drug suspension.

Rugby League

Leeds sign Kite and wait on Blackmore

LEEDS' new owners Paul Caddick and Gary Hetherington promised on Tuesday that some "exciting" signings would be made in the forthcoming weeks and, though Neil Kite does not quite fit into that category yet, Richie Blackmore, the 27-year-old New Zealand Test back, emphatically does.



Still struggling... Severiano Ballesteros follows the progress of a wayward shot at the 10th

Golf Monty trails Asia's best

Michael Britton in Hong Kong

THE days when Europe's best players could plunder as will on overseas tours are well and truly over. Colin Montgomerie accepted as much after an opening 69 in the Alfred Dunhill Masters at Farningham yesterday left him five shots behind Kang Wook-soon, his Asian PGA Omega Tour counterpart.

Korea's newest star sparkled with an eagle and six birdies, only to be deprived of a well-merited lead by the New Zealander Paul Devenport whose eight-under-par 63 took him to within a stroke of the course record set by Nick Faldo in the Johnnie Walker Classic six years ago.

Tour replaces the divots

David Davies on the Collingtree fiasco's marked effect on Europe's 1997 schedule

THE rumblings and repercussions of the Collingtree fiasco have affected the whole of the scheduling for the 1997 PGA European Tour.

Tour and venue this year to the German Open — which was criticised by the players for being too easy. More work is being done to toughen up the course but it may not be ready by June, the scheduled tournament time.

- EUROPEAN TOUR SCHEDULE
Jan 23-26: Johnnie Walker Classic, Hope Island, Queensland
Jan 29-Feb 1: HSBC World Cup, Perth, Australia
Feb 2-5: South African Open (to be confirmed)
Feb 12-14: Dimension Data, Sun City, SA
Feb 22-25: South African PGA, Johannesburg

Snooker

Kipper Williams struggles but Wales stay wide awake

Clive Everton AMATEUR success and of disciplinary reverses, won his three frames.

Sports Politics

£100m Academy draws 25 bids

THE deadline for bids to run the planned National Academy of Sport — with up to £100 million of Lottery funding — passed yesterday with 25 organisations entering.

Cricket

Owais, the lad, rescues low-scoring England A

OWAIS SHAH hit a composed 76 to save England A from a disastrous start to their tour in the four-day match with a New South Wales XI yesterday. The Middlesex schoolboy Shah, 18 last week, top-scored and hit 11 fours as the tourists slumped to 155 for nine before, after 69.2 overs, a hail storm halted play in Tamworth, some 200 miles north-west of Sydney.

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Flight path... Robbie Fowler of Liverpool leaves Raphael Wicky standing in the European Cup Winners' Cup tie at Anfield last night. Fowler scored twice as Liverpool lived dangerously, twice coming from behind against the Swiss side Sion before going into the third round 2-4 on aggregate. Match report, page 24

Making a meal of a hunger for the trivial



Vincent Hanna

WHILE the monthly meeting of the Trivia Dining Club last night. It is devoted to the worship of the ephemeral and the glutinous. Our motto is: "Even a single hair casts a shadow—especially in the soup."
Most of the members are politicians or journalists, so there is a lot of shop-talk. "I am not one to quote Nabokov," said Fiona, a radio producer whose complete collection of Hello magazines is much envied. "but it is true that a toothache can cost a battle, a drizzle cancel an insurrection."
She was complaining about the sudden elevation of the banal in our society. "I come here to discuss meaningless rubbish and I find it on the agenda for Prime Minister's Questions."
Michael, a head teacher, seethed: "I turned up to have a silly giggle about caning. Now half the Conservative party wants to encourage it—or do it personally."
I brought up rugby, which is being choked by trivia. It has been a great season. Perhaps you were lucky enough to see Wasps v Toulouse or Harlequins v Neath. Maybe you caught a glimpse of Jason Robinson at full-back for Bath on Tuesday. Yet the game's administrators tumble about like hamsters on a treadmill, locked into an argument about ownership that is as pointless as it is boring.
Donald Kerr of Harlequins and Epruc says they are thinking of an appeal to the EC Competition Directorate. "Rugby clubs are small businesses," he said, "and cannot trade properly. The RFU has sold our TV rights over our heads and try to tell us where and what to play."
"There should be joint control of the game by the RFU and Epruc but the International Board should be the boss," said Peter Brook of the RFU executive. While they go yah and boo at each other, television money pours into small clubs in withheld. It will serve them right if Rupert Murdoch switches to lacrosse.
But all this is nothing to my curiosity about Gazza. Wife-

beating is never trivial but for two weeks there has been a concerted effort to make it seem so. This is my 80th column and I have had nothing like the reaction that last week's producer.
I received more than 80 letters, calls and e-mails about the Gazza case, 42 of them basically saying the same thing: "Look, I hold no brief for wife-beating. But we don't know all the facts, do we? And there's a certain type of woman who is attracted to sports stars; they quite like being knocked about."
Otherwise sensible men have spoken thus, too. It happened again last night. Most added that the allegations about Geoffrey Boycott over the last two weeks have raised him in their estimation: "At least he's not as boring now."

SEVERAL people called to assure me that "there are personal things about the Gascoigne case that cannot be revealed."
I know the Football Association examined the facts before it approved Gascoigne's squad selection for the game against Georgia. No doubt it acted in good faith. But it would be helpful if it informed a puzzled public, especially women, of its criteria and the standards it is trying to set.

For example, it might tell us for what sort of behaviour it would disqualify a player. Eric Cantona merited a six-month suspension; Dennis Wise was left out of an England squad by Terry Venables pending a trial for assault; we hear that an England player may face investigation for bar-

ing a portion of his bum. How would the FA regard shoplifting, indecent exposure, support for the IRA? Suppose a player burnt a Union Jack or insulted the Queen—could he play for England? Is there a line? Where does the FA draw it? Does it matter only whether the offender was wearing a football shirt at the time? Are women less important targets than footballers or taxi drivers?

Once upon a time I defended a taxi driver who had beaten up his girlfriend. I entered a plea of guilty and pointed out that, although he had a record, she had started the fight and taunted him. Besides, she was one of those women who are attracted to violent men.
"Thank you," said the judge. "I accept what you say. But the law is there to protect foolish women as well as sensible ones." And he gave him three months.

Hoddle sticks by Gascoigne

Martin Thorpe on the England coach's invitation to criticism by picking his controversial midfielder for the Georgia game

GLENN HODDLE will this morning risk the wrath of women's groups and some football critics by including Paul Gascoigne in his squad for England's World Cup qualifier in Georgia.
Questions have been raised about the appropriateness of allowing Gascoigne to represent his country, especially abroad, following allegations that he had beaten up his wife Sheryl two weeks ago.
But after heated discussions, including a final meeting yesterday between Hoddle, the Football Association's chairman Keith Wiseman and

its chief executive Graham Kelly, it was agreed to back the England coach's decision to pick the errant Rangers midfielder for the game on November 3.
Several factors are said to have persuaded Hoddle not to allow Gascoigne's private affairs to influence what is considered to be a footballing decision. Sources close to Hoddle say that the coach's main concern has always been for Gascoigne and his family, and he had noted that no one, not even Sheryl Gascoigne, had complained to the police about the alleged incident.
Secondly, it is understood

that Hoddle's discussions with Gascoigne and others close to him have presented a more complicated picture surrounding the allegations than originally surfaced. Thirdly, Gascoigne is reported to be seeking professional help.
However, even an explanation of all these factors when the squad is announced in London this morning is unlikely to silence critics of the decision to include Gascoigne.
Julie Bundel, spokeswoman for an international conference on violence and abuse against women, said yesterday: "I would very much object to him being given any

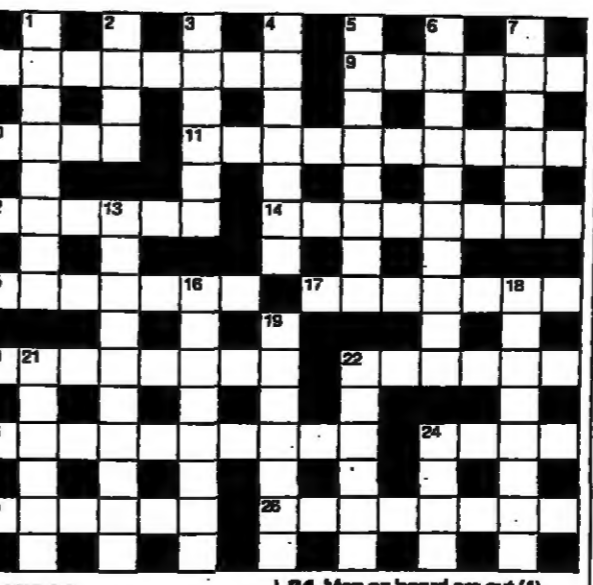
elevated public position after this. Glenn Hoddle would be giving a message out to other players that he doesn't take it seriously.
"To take this attitude to domestic violence is to minimise the effect it has on women and deny the fact that it's a criminal act by someone who is a public figure and a role model for boys and young men."
Sandra Horley, chief executive of the women's rights campaigners Refuge, agreed. "He doesn't seem to have a genuine desire to alter his behaviour or publicly acknowledge that it's wrong for any man to hit his wife under any circumstances," she said.
"He's a national hero and a role model for youngsters and, if it is true that Gazza beat up his wife, then sending

him to represent England overseas can only give the impression that wife-beating is acceptable in the UK."
The decision to include Gascoigne was taken after lengthy talks between the parties concerned, with Hoddle speaking on numerous occasions to the player, his Rangers manager Walter Smith and other close associates.
It was never a case of the FA imposing a decision on Hoddle even though it possesses that ultimate power. As Hoddle conducted his detailed investigations into Gascoigne's form, fitness, state of mind and the allegations against the player, he liaised regularly with Wiseman.
It might also be argued that the critics are once again picking on Gascoigne. Nobody is condemning any in-

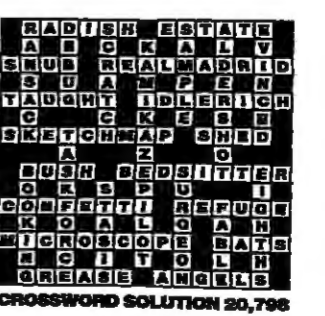
clusion in the England squad of Arsenal's Paul Merson. His wife Lorraine recently revealed that the day after England's last game against Poland she had a blazing row with the reforming alcoholic. "He said he'd kill me," she claimed. "I went cold with shock because I realised he could be like this when he was sober. I couldn't believe the old monster was back. I can't cope with the fear of him hitting me again."
David Lacey, page 14

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Set by Fidelio



- Across**
- 8 It's supposed to be placed at tea-time, sweetheart (8)
 - 9 & 22ac Part of the Houdini contract? (6,6)
 - 10 Laurel's second cure (4)
 - 11 Bar instructions—swift justice? (5,5)
 - 12 Hold the queen to be a complainer (8)
 - 14 One follower looked at Janus, say (5-5)
 - 15 This time, Jean's day, January 3rd is put back (7)
 - 17 Show like "The Band Wagon" that carried one away? (7)
 - 20 Fancy two drinks first and cards? (3,5)
 - 22 See 9
 - 23 Such evidence is of the end (10)
- Down**
- 1 Pearl could be sophisticated (8)
 - 2 Principal ocean (4)
 - 3 German who is not overweight? (8)
 - 4 Go between broadcasters and those ends (7)
 - 5 Welsh and English students have completed to gain approval (4,4)
 - 6 Mark "L's" article denoting fever (10)
 - 7 A firearm for each (6)
 - 13 One lengthens for caterpillar (10)
 - 16 Artist and Frenchman save an exotic fruit (8)



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- 18 Resilient sort, one hears (8)
- 19 Second year in Georgia when the lilac blooms (7)
- 21 One pressing on in anger, runs (6)
- 22 Little fox captures her, sweet child (8)
- 24 Name what's said to be the construction area (4)

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